

THE RED LION, BONVILSTON
01446 781208

CURRY NIGHT IS BACK ON WEDNESDAYS
Choice of Curry & bottle of Indian Beer
£6.99

Bridgend & Porthcawl

GEM



"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"

The area's longest serving Community Newspaper

Established 1983

T&H MORRIS
EST 1974
FAMILY BUTCHERS
38 Dunraven Place
Bridgend
Also at
Megasave
North Cornelly
01656 768620
FREE
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Weekly audited distribution (51 weeks) to 31/12/15 - 45,489 (GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.bridgend-today.co.uk • www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 2016

GEM HOMES & GARDENS
Page 19

The Glamorgan GEM are about to make getting the latest news from the Vale and Bridgend much easier.... November 1

REDUNDANCIES AT BRITISH AIRWAYS?
Page 24

CHRISTMAS PARTY GUIDE
Page 25



POLICE APPEAL AFTER TWO INJURED IN CRASH

THE South Wales Police are appealing for witnesses, following a serious collision at approximately 4pm on Friday, October 7, on the A4106 Tythegston road, just before the A48 roundabout, Bridgend.

A spokesman said: "A blue Dacia Sandero vehicle had travelled from the general direction of Porthcawl towards the A48, mounted the offside kerb and collided with two 19-year-old male pedestrians who lived locally.

"As a result both suffered injuries. One male pedestrian was flown by air ambulance to the University Hospital

of Wales, where his condition is described as critical and the second male is receiving treatment for less serious injuries at the Princess of Wales hospital, Bridgend.

"The 49-year-old driver of the Dacia is currently assisting police with their inquiries. South Wales Police would like to thank the people affected by the closure for their patience and understanding."

They are appealing to anyone with information to contact the serious collision investigation unit on 101, or Crimestoppers, free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111 ref 1600387042.

COURT HEARS OF 'DRUNKEN INCIDENT' 20 months jail for Bridgend woman

A middle-aged woman who cut the throat of her partner with an art knife during a drunken incident, has been jailed for 20 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Deborah Pugh (48) was told by Judge Eleri Rees that the reality of the situation was that she was fortunate not to be facing a "much more serious charge".

"You took a weapon to slash his throat". Her conduct was so serious, said the Judge, that only immediate custody could be passed.

Pugh, of Maes Glas, Ynysawdre, Bridgend, admitted wounding Richard Carr.

Prosecutor Eugene Egan said the couple had been in a sometimes volatile relationship for eight years.

On August 24, police went to Mr Carr's address and saw Pugh outside.

She said she needed help and that they had had an argument. She added that Mr Carr had gone to his bedroom, expressed suicidal thoughts, and cut his wrists.

"She had then cut his throat," said Mr Egan.

When arrested, she was "severely intoxicated" and said she had little recollection.

Pugh was said to have one previous conviction for a public order offence.

Her solicitor Adam Sharp said: "I acknowledge the offence was serious. The scene in that bedroom was utterly chaotic."

He said there had been no premeditation, and Pugh had carried out just one act.

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

He said she had had a difficult life, and suffered domestic violence in a previous relationship, and had made attempts on her own life after taking an overdose.

He said Mr Carr was actively trying to resume the relationship, and did not wish for a restraining order to be made.

"He is very supportive of her. If she receives a custodial sentence, she will not be able to return to her address and would be homeless."

ABOVE:
Primary school pupils have joined forces to launch a school parking campaign. Pictured from left to right: George Knight, Caerau; Saffron Powell, Cwmfelin Primary; Ioan Davies, Cwmfelin; Sam Davidson, Cwmfelin; Lola Homeward, Cwmfelin; Joel Glowacki, Caerau; Milly Page, Caerau; Paige McCluski, Caerau; Ellie Austin, St Marys and St Patrick; and Ioan Davis, St Marys and St Patricks.
(SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE FULL STORY).

Woman spotted a burglar leaving her house.

SEE STORY PAGE 3

Need more space?

dainton
Self Storage

50% OFF FIRST 8 WEEKS IN STORAGE

House contents, Tools & equipment, Archives & documents, Hobby equipment, Business stock, Caravans & vehicles, Furniture & clothes, PO boxes & deliveries

Call 01656 750293, email bridgend@dainton.com or visit us at Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1NS

Keltic fires
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

Premier Fire & Fireplace Showroom

OCTOBER OFFER
FREE FLUE LINER WITH EVERY WOODBURNING STOVE
T&C's

Monday-Thursday 9.30am - 4.30pm; Friday 9.30am-4.00pm; Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm. Sunday Appointment only.
Call 01656 655984

Unit 2, New Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3UD
Keltic Fires LTD www.kelticfires.co.uk @KelticFires

Black Cat Awareness Day & Fete
Saturday 22 October 2016
11am - 3pm

A fun filled day to help raise funds for our centre and to raise awareness of the many black and black-white cats who are often overlooked in favour of other cats. There will be a raffle, tombola, stalls, refreshments, face painting, competitions, children's corner and much more!

No trip to the centre would be complete without meeting our many playful, loving and affectionate feline companions ready and waiting for a home like yours. Admissions: £1.00 adults, 50p children, 3 & under free.

Find us at: Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre, Pant Hwysan, Bryncothi, Bridgend, CF31 9UJ
T: 01656 724 295
E: bridgend@cats.org.uk
W: www.bridgend.cats.org.uk
C: Porthcawl

Two Charities
28,000 (England and Wales)
500,000 (Scotland)
ACU 1500

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

• Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

An email address alone is not sufficient!

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

ST ILLTYD'S CELEBRATES HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Pictured, with some of the items collected for homeless charity The Wallich, are: Vicar's warden Hilary Markwell; Vicar's sub-warden George Carter; and People's warden Anne Williams.



IT was a truly joyous service at St Illtyd's Church in the Parish of Newcastle, Bridgend, for Harvest Thanksgiving last Sunday.

The choir was outstanding and the floral and edible decorations were beautiful and imaginative.

Father David Lloyd, vicar of St Illtyd's, said: "The best thing of all, though, was the incredible generosity of the congregation in their gifts of new clothing, food and toiletries for the homeless charity The Wallich. I am so proud of my people.

"Each time I ask them to give to a good cause, I am overwhelmed at the response.

"Our homeless men and women cannot receive from Foodbanks so we've made The Wallich our main local charity."

After preaching about the need to share, the sight of so much high-quality produce and warm clothing was quite an emotional one for the Vicar! He is clearly preaching to the converted! DL



Pink and perky in Ogmores Vale!



OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies has added his support for women affected by breast cancer – by dressing up in pink and encouraging people to take part in the fundraiser, wear it pink, on Friday, October 21.

Wear it pink is back for its 15th year, calling on supporters across the country to add a flash of pink to their wardrobe for the day and raise

money for Breast Cancer Now's life-saving breast cancer research.

Assembly Members wore pink to encourage people across Wales to get involved and help the charity's drive towards its ambition that, by 2050, everyone who develops the disease will live.

Sign up to wear it pink on Friday, October 21 to support Breast Cancer Now's life-saving research. For more information or to register, visit www.wearitpink.org.

Macmillan says 'thank you'

MACMILLAN Cancer Support in Wales would like to extend its thanks to your readers for their incredible support of this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Now in its 26th year, thousands of coffee mornings were held in schools, workplaces, community centres and homes all over Wales on and around Friday, September 30.

We have loved seeing so many fantastic photos of cakes over social media. This year has seen

some wonderfully creative cakes and events. But more than that, we have loved seeing families, friends, colleagues and communities coming together for a coffee, a slice of cake and a chat, in support of Macmillan.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's main annual fundraising event. Last year, we raised more than £26m – a total we hope to have beaten in 2016.

One in three of us will get cancer, with more than 130,000 people in Wales currently living with and beyond cancer.

The money raised will help us continue to provide services in Wales, including funding our nurses, physiotherapists, welfare benefits advisers and our information centres in some of Wales' hospitals, as well as campaigning for better cancer care for patients.

Susan Morris,

Head of Services for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales.

'What is Bridgend Council doing?' – a reader's ode

MY comment on the controversy over Bridgend indoor market is below. The markets are part of a country's culture all over the world. I try to visit the indoor markets in any country I visit.

What is this council doing?

The Indoor British Markets

I miss, the covered markets, scented chestnuts on open fires,

And, too, the earthy vegetables, their boxes held with wires,

I miss, the Welsh language brogue, local accent well and true,

I miss, the pipe tobacco scent, indoor café, builder's brew,

The fragrant peas and faggots, basins filled up to the top,

A little dash of vinegar in and careful now, it, not to 'slop'.

I miss, the pet-shop puppies, budgerigar fledgling, antic,

Cobbler's awl-a-striking, looking back, not just romantic.

The gory sawdust butchers, the bakers' honeyed wares,

Displays of seasons flowers, 'Jaffas', local apples and pears.

Crinkly, brown, paper, carrier bags, their handles of soft string,

One each hand on Saturdays, numbing fingers 'till palms sting.

The cockle woman sold too her laver bread, at the main door

There the pretty china, was stacked from top shelf, to the floor.

Places, of unique atmosphere, slabbed floors and, gleaming stalls,

I miss a hwy!*, in all greetings and even the tiles upon your walls.

(* Hwyl meaning 'fun')

Mrs E M Harrison

Lest we forget... those who went over the top

ON October 7, I was privileged to return to the memorial at Thiépall on the Somme, which commemorates the names of over 72,000 of those who died in the Battles of the Somme between July 1, 1916 and the end of that battle in November of that year.

A simple service is held daily, with the Last Post being sounded, and I was able to lay a wreath in memory of my grandfather, who had 'gone over the top' and was killed on October 7, 1917...just 100 years ago to the day.

At this time of year, we remember, through

the British Legion, those who died in that war and subsequent wars.

My wife and I are members of the Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion and as the launch of the appeal takes place, I urge all of you to buy poppies and remember 'my grandfather', and all the other men and women who gave their lives so that we could live as we do today...sadly the lessons of war have not been learnt.

In the afternoon of October 7, we visited Mametz Wood and the Welsh memorial. All the cemeteries and memorials are very moving...worth a weekend visit!

Lest we forget!
Christopher L Pollard,
OBE,
Cowbridge

Bloated councils system continues

SO Corbynite Mark Drakeford, AM has yet again decided to put the interests of the Labour Party before those of the electorate, by this time ignoring the evidence of the Williams Commission to impose a reduction in the number of Welsh councils.

We will continue with the bloated, inefficient

model of council representation, which rewards the careers of the party faithful whilst crippling the rest of us with ever-increasing tax bills – and ever-reducing levels of service – whilst denying us electors a say on the issue.

When will the Welsh electorate wake up from the 1980s, realise that King Coal is dead, and vote for a party that will address our accelerating decline, in relation to the rest of the UK?

Ian Williams,
Llangrall

The Glamorgan GEM • Contact us...

Tel: 01446 774484 • Fax: 01446 774108

www.facebook.com/GlamorganGEM • www.twitter.com/gem_news

News Enquiries/Submissions: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Advertising/Distribution: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk • Sales Manager: jan.irving@tindlenews.co.uk

Sales Executives: wendy.short@tindlenews.co.uk • vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL. Printed by TMP.

www.cowbridge-today.co.uk • www.barry-today.co.uk • www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk • www.bridgend-today.co.uk

We abide by the code of practice upheld by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). This contains provisions for issues such as accuracy.

If you have a complaint, write to us at the address below, left, or call editorial manager Don John on 01446 774484. All complaints will be fully investigated. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may wish to contact IPSO, Gate House, 1 Farringdon Street, London EC4M 7LG Website: www.ipso.co.uk. Tel: 0300 123 2220. E-Mail: complaints@ipso.co.uk. Enquiries: inquiries@ipso.co.uk.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 20)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
13 Thur	04.39	8.5	17.07	9.1
14 Fri	05.31	9.3	17.58	9.8
15 Sat	06.19	9.9	18.42	10.4
16 Sun	07.04	10.5	19.27	10.8
17 Mon	07.47	10.7	20.12	10.9
18 Tues	08.32	10.7	20.54	10.7
19 Wed	09.14	10.5	21.42	10.4
20 Thur	09.59	10.2	22.27	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

COUNCIL IS AIMING TO EXPAND PLAN TO INCREASE CAPACITY AT AFON Y FELIN

WITH Afon y Felin in the past couple of years. From being a school that was rated by Estyn as needing significant improvement, it is now a school where more parents than ever before want to send their children.

"This proposal will help to meet the predicted demand for places at the school in future years. "Consultation will now be held with the governing body, staff, parents and other interested parties to gather their views."

In June 2015, Estyn inspectors noted that outstanding progress had been made at Afon y Felin since its last full inspection report in 2013, while earlier this year the school achieved the yellow category status in the Welsh Government's colour coded categorisation system.

Coun Huw David, BCBC's new Leader, said: "I have been delighted to see the major turnaround at Afon y Felin."

POW's Leanne is among the finalists for a coveted award

FIVE ABMU members of staff are in the finals of this year's prestigious Royal College of Nursing in Wales Nurse of the Year awards in Cardiff next month.

Dedication to patients on Ward 18 at Princess of Wales Hospital has led to Leanne Adamson being a finalist for the Health Care Support Worker of the Year title.

She said: "My role has evolved over the years as the ward has changed - this is now a shared care ward."

"We know how important person-centred care is and my role as a dementia champion helps with that."

Leanne was instrumental in Ward 18 working with Pendre Day Hospital on the transformation of a courtyard into a sensory garden for patients.

"It will really come into its own in good weather when we can use it for various activities."

"I am very proud we've been able to create something with a real practical benefit."



Leanne Adamson.

Charity shop launches 'Big Bag Challenge'

PORTRCAWL'S Age Cymru charity shop is asking local residents to take part in the 'Big Bag Challenge'.

The challenge is the Welsh older people's charity's annual stock donation appeal. Anyone calling into the shop at 37 John Street can pick up a donation bag to fill at home or leave a bag of goods to donate.

"If you're planning on having a clear out, why not donate your unwanted items to your local Age Cymru shop?" says Age Cymru's Retail Development Manager Ruth Jones.

"We accept clothing, shoes, books, accessories or homeware at Age Cymru charity shops."

"Your donation will help support the work of Age Cymru and our mission of improving the lives of older people across Wales by tackling issues such as poverty and elder abuse," she explained.

Householder spotted burglar as he left premises

A MOTHER of two, who was a victim of a burglary when she and her family were at home, told police she had "cold shivers" after spotting the burglar as he left.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Christopher Morgan (23) of Park Street, Glyncorrwg, was jailed for three years after he admitted two charges of burgling houses in Maesteg.

He had asked the court to take into consideration 36 offences involving burglaries and attempted burglaries.

Gareth Boast (45) of Margaret Street, Maesteg, was

Report by AJ SICLUNA

jailed for six months after admitting two charges of handling property stolen from the premises and possessing amphetamines.

Mark Battrick, prosecuting, said the first house to be burgled was in Herman Road. Entry had been gained by the lock being drilled out and electrical and household items worth £500 were taken.

Some of them were later recovered from Boast's garage. The second house they entered was in Bangor Terrace and

property worth £570 had been taken, some of which was found outside in the street.

Home at the time was a woman who spotted the burglar leaving.

Boast was said to have convictions for possessing drugs and theft, and Morgan for theft and burglary, causing damage and possessing an offensive weapon.

Matt Henson for Morgan, said he had to cope with drugs and mental health issues and Joanna James for Boast, pointed out that he was a "productive man" who could keep himself out of trouble and lead a normal life.



Artist's impression of the new Pencoed Primary School.

Tenders going out for a new primary school at Pencoed

TENDERS are being invited to build a new school at Pencoed following a planning go-ahead.

BCBC have agreed to invite tenders from construction companies interested in building the new £10.8m school, due to open in April 2018.

The school is currently run over split sites, with some pupils being taught in buildings on Penprysg Road, while other pupils are based in the old Heol Y Cyw Primary School premises.

The plan is to bring all of the pupils together into one site which would be built on part of the school playing fields further along Penprysg Road. The new school would have capacity for 510 pupils aged 4-11, a

70-place nursery plus provision for pupils with special education needs.

Coun Huw David, Bridgend County Borough Council's new Leader, said: "We're pleased to update parents, pupils and local residents on the latest exciting developments."

"Earlier this year, we carried out a formal consultation to gather views from all interested parties, followed by the publication of a statutory public notice."

"We didn't receive any objections during this period, and planning permission has now been obtained so we are happy to be in a

position where we can now proceed to the next stage which is to invite tenders for the construction work."

The cost of the new school would be met from the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme and Bridgend County Borough Council.

Coun David added: "The current school buildings were built in the early 1900s for separate infant, junior and secondary provision, and it's far from ideal that many of the children currently have to cross a busy main road to walk between classes. The brand new building will

bring all pupils together on one site, marking the start of an exciting new era for Pencoed Primary School and the local community it serves."

Have your say on town centre traffic plans

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is running a public consultation on a proposal to re-introduce traffic to Queen Street, Dunraven Place and Market Street.

It would involve a 20mph speed zone and two pedestrian crossings alongside approximately 18 parking/loading bays - while street bollards and other street furniture would be installed to safely separate pedestrians and vehicles. Adare Street and Caroline Street would remain pedestrianised.

Coun Charles Smith, cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, stated: "We want to consult with local people and find out their views as the proposal has both pros and cons."

"For example, reintroducing traffic would make it easier and quicker for some disabled people and those with mobility problems to get to the shops they want to visit, while many town centre traders, property agents and developers believe that it would increase footfall."

"On the negative side, there could be an increased risk to pedestrian safety. Since these roads were pedestrianised, reported traffic collisions have

fallen from 13 between the years 2000 and 2004 to three between 2004 and 2014.

"It would also cost the council upwards of £500,000 to safely allow vehicle access into these streets due to the works required, while there is also the issue of cars creating more air pollution in the town centre. Added to this, there would be disruption to trade while the works were taking place."

"These changes can, therefore, only be justified if there is sufficient support from both town centre businesses, and the wider community of Bridgend who use the town centre. Bridgend Town Council have already pledged their support and a financial contribution to the scheme, but I would urge everyone, businesses, shoppers, workers, residents, young and old, to have their say and consider all of these factors."

If the proposal is introduced then it will also be possible to include 'pedestrian only' times so that the roads are not accessible during certain hours. This approach has been followed in other towns such as Neath, Caldicot and Tenby.

To comment on the proposal, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation. The deadline is October 24.

Recycling in Bridgend reaches a record high

FINAL recycling figures for this year reveal that Bridgend is recycling 59 per cent of waste and is exceeding the current statutory recycling target of 58 per cent.

The final results for 2015/16 show Bridgend's reuse, recycling and composting rate increased by almost two percentage points on last year's final figure.

The statistics show the average local authorities achieved their combined reuse, recycling and

composting rate across Wales' 22 Local Authorities was 60 per cent, double the amount that was being recycled just a decade ago.

Further figures show the amount of biodegradable municipal waste local authorities are sending to landfill has reduced by 80 per cent in a decade. Authorities sent 170,567 tonnes of biodegradable waste to landfill in 2015-16, 58 per cent less than the allowance of 410,000 tonnes. All 22

local authorities achieved their individual allocated allowance.

Charities' fears for special funding scheme

A TOTAL of 1,080 vulnerable people were helped to turn their life around, live independently, or were prevented from becoming homeless last year in Bridgend - thanks to the Supporting People Programme.

Community Housing Cymru (CHC) and Cymorth Cymru have joined forces to highlight the vital need to protect the programme, the fate of which will be decided during the Welsh Government draft budget, on Tuesday, October 18.

The charities launched

the Let's Keep on Supporting People campaign, to try to safeguard the funding.

With budgets being continually squeezed, they believe the SP programme is "at real risk" from potential cuts, this autumn.

Supporting People is a flagship Welsh Government programme. It funds a variety of services throughout Wales, including Bridgend.

"It helps people at risk of homelessness, such as victims of domestic abuse, people with mental or physical health problems and learning disabilities, ex-service personnel and older people."



YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE EXPERTS

Call Now 01446 791811

Misdiagnosis, birth injuries, cerebral palsy, missed fractures, wrong treatment.

No win - no fee, fully qualified solicitors. Free Claim Evaluation.

Tel: 01446 791811

E-Mail: info@NHSLawyer.co.uk
www.NHSLawyer.co.uk

NHSLawyer is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA number 569027)

DEREK THE STAG GOES ON TOUR FROM ST CLARE'S...



Carla's fairground dress.



Derek the Stag is going on tour.

MARI BRADBURY, head of art at the Welsh examining board WJEC, went to St Clare's School in Porthcawl to choose pieces that will tour Wales and England.

These represent 'outstanding' work for INSET for GCSE and AS/A2 textile design work – including a huge textile stag, affectionately known as Derek, who now stands proudly in the WJEC main entrance at Llandaff.

Students Carla Prinsloo, Christian Prescott, Olivia Thorne and Grace Collier all had their work selected to go on display.

As well as her textile stag, head girl, Carla Prinsloo, also had her fairground-inspired dress selected for the prestigious tour. Carla has been at St Clare's since year-5.

Christian Prescott, who joined the school part way through year-7, has just started studying fashion design at the University of South Wales.

Back in July, the WJEC filmed Carla and

Christian talk about their sketchbooks and final pieces.

Follow the link <http://bit.ly/2dTYaQ5> to see the short films which have been uploaded to the 'light box' section of the WJEC website where the students will take you on a series of inspiring journeys through their textile design work.

Louise Williams, teacher of textiles at St Clare's, said: "WJEC said the submissions of both students reflect the highest standards and most commendable levels of personal engagement and innovation in approach."

"I was delighted with the AS-A2 textile design results – we had 3 As!" Headmaster, Simon Antwis, said: "We're all extremely proud of the students. They have worked incredibly hard."

"Their results are directly attributable, not only to the dedication and perseverance of the students themselves, but also to the quality of teaching delivered here at St Clare's."

Extra training for swim squad – thanks to sponsor

TEAM managers from a swimming club in Bridgend will receive extra training ahead of a trip to Fuerteventura, thanks to a west Wales housebuilder.

Bridgend County Swim Squad has been elected as one of Persimmon Homes west Wales' community champions, a scheme that donates a pot of £2,000 to two charities each month.

Sharon Davies, coach and team manager at Bridgend County Swim Squad, said: "Our annual training camp in Fuerteventura is always the highlight of our year, made even better by Persimmon Homes' kind donation."

For more information or to nominate a worthy cause, visit www.persimmonhomes.com/charity

PRIMARY PUPILS COMBINE TO SEND THEIR PARENTS A SAFETY MESSAGE 'Watch where you park!'

PRIMARY schools in Maesteg have joined forces with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team – to launch a campaign which tackles unauthorised parking around schools that is endangering children and parents.

PCSO Lucy Barry, of the Maesteg area, said: "This project was aimed at the community in the Llynfi Valley to encourage and promote safe parking and prevent accidents outside schools."

"We are hoping to encourage all parents to get involved in this project, as we know that their priority is the safety of their children."

"The children have enjoyed getting involved in the different activities and learning about road safety awareness. We would like to thank Mr Bibby, from Caerau primary school, who donated the funding for the banners for all the schools in the area."

"We hope that this project will highlight the dangers of people parking in unauthorised areas outside school premises."

"We would like to remind drivers of their responsibility to park legally and safely. Do NOT park on white zig zag lines or double yellow lines – and certainly do not drop children off on the railings side of the footpath."

All seven schools in the Maesteg area are taking part in the campaign – Caerau,

Nantyllyllon, St Marys and St Patricks Catholic School, Plasnewydd, Garth, Cwmfelin, Llangwynyd and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cynwyd Sant.

The Plasnewydd School headteacher said: "For us, the campaign means that our children have a right to a safe journey to and from school and preventing dangerous parking supports this."

Caerau Primary School has donated funds for banners, which have been placed on the gates of all the schools. Neighbourhood Policing Officers have also recruited schoolchildren to assist in the campaign as 'deputy sheriffs'.

The children will become 'sheriffs' for a day, to help raise motorists' awareness of the danger.

Getting ready for yuletide fun



AT the October meeting of Colwinston and Llysorney WI, president Liz Stone gave out details of the Christmas dinner to be held in the Sycamore Tree Inn; and went through programme ideas for the coming year, to include various speakers, craft evenings, dance, indoor curling, and theatre trips.

After other suggestions from the members, Liz showed how to make Christmas trees out of cupcake cases.

All the members then made several of these for the Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Cross Church, where our tree will be on display with many others from Cowbridge and surrounding areas.

• The photo (above) shows members with the tree decorations.

KJ

BARRY BARMAN SPENT A YEAR AT LARGE AFTER THE THEFT OF OVER £5,000

A BARRY barman fled south Wales after stealing £5,581 from his employer, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Marcus Phillips (30) ended up working in a bar in Bodmin and was at large for some time, said prosecutor Ieuan Bennett.

Phillips, formerly of Broad Street, Barry, was jailed for 15 months after admitting charges of theft and failure to surrender to his bail.

Passing sentence, Recorder Jeremy Jenkins pointed out that Phillips had been involved in the breach of a high degree of trust and there had also been planning.

Mr Bennett said that the defendant had been employed as a barman at the Waterguard in Harbour Drive, Cardiff Bay, which was run by Samuel Smith Brewery.

He had a good relationship with the managers, David Pritchard and Carrie Weaver and received temporary promotion when they went on annual leave in August 2014. He was given

the key to the safe and was responsible for paying in takings to the bank.

When the pair returned in September, Phillips was nowhere to be seen, there was a mess in the office and the police were called.

Altogether, said Mr Bennett, he had taken £5,581.

He was found in a local pub in Barry and was arrested.

He claimed, untruthfully, that the managers must have stolen the money.

He said he had recently spent money on furniture, on a television and on an expensive holiday.

Phillips failed to turn up for trial in August 2015 and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

He was arrested on August 4 this year and initially he denied the charges and finally changed his plea.

The court heard that he had no previous convictions.

His defence counsel, Alec Small, said Phillips had "stuck his head in the sand". He said he regretted his behaviour and was ashamed.

Rotary backs the RNIB talking books



Rotarian Bob Broughton, president of the Rotary Club of Bridgend, Carol McKinlay, Anne Wilkins and Rotarian David Hubbard.

CAROL MCKINLAY, the fundraising manager for RNIB Cymru, gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of Bridgend accompanied by Anne Wilkins, a local user of the 'Talking Books for the Blind' service.

Carol thanked the Rotary Club for its generous support. She said that the service is now offered free of charge and this has resulted in a large increase in the number of members and there are

currently 92 users of Talking Books in the Bridgend Area.

Ann is blind from birth and gave an inspirational account of her experiences and her determination to live as full a life as possible.

She amazed members with her grasp of the latest technology and its uses in overcoming sightlessness.

She is an accomplished singer and teacher and has won several Eisteddfod awards. She thanked the RNIB Cymru for its continuous support.

'Watch your back!' Bridgend carers are warned

TO mark Carers Back Care Awareness Week, Bridgend is taking a lead role in advising the over 384,000 unpaid carers in Wales how to look after their backs.

Bridgend-based C3 Chiropractic Clinic has chosen Morgana Court Care Home in South Cornelly, to demonstrate a plan that helps people caring for others at home.

It comes as new research from the British Chiropractic Association (BCA) shows that lifting and carrying can trigger back pain for almost half (49 per cent) of people in Wales, with home carers at higher risk with additional stresses and

strains on their bodies. Rainer Wieser, Doctor of Chiropractic and founder of the C3 Chiropractic Clinic said: "Whilst professional care homes, such as Morgana Court, have lifting and moving equipment and staff trained to protect their backs, many home carers do not receive any training in back care."

"Carers spend long periods of time on their feet and put a lot of strain on their bodies, from lifting and assisting the person they are caring for, to moving equipment."

"They need to be particularly careful not to overload themselves and put their backs at risk."



Doctor of Chiropractic, Kate Mosedale, gets to grip with the new back care programme at Morgana Court, Bridgend.

Brave Hannah says 'thank you' to the Children's Hospital

by PHILIP IRWIN

A LOCAL family recently took part in a family fun walk in support of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital appeal – and they had a special reason for being there.

Brave Hannah Coombes, from Llantwit Major, had a banner on her wheelchair which said – "Thank you for saving my life three times!"

She completed the 10 km walk around Cardiff Bay this year with three special people – Erika Thomas, Richard Howe, and Simon Type – and Hannah's grateful mother, Cheryl, explained that banner message to The GEM.

"Hannah did the walk last year and displayed the banner on her wheelchair.

Unfortunately, she became very poorly back in March/April of this year and was on life support for 12 days.

"Things were very bleak at times, but as Hannah defied all the odds and started to breathe for herself, and day by day she was stronger and stronger, until she was able to come off the ventilator."

"Once again, the Noah's Ark Children's hospital saved Hannah's life."

"When we got Hannah home, we felt that we needed to do the walk again this year, but this time the banner read



"...you saved my life three times, thank you!"

Cheryl continued: "Hannah would like to thank everyone who sponsored her, and would like to give a special thank you to her Nanna from Llandow, who walked the village and asked friends and relatives to sponsor her. "She has raised over £1,300 and money is still coming in. Thank you to everyone!"

Hannah Coombes is pictured with Erika Thomas, Richard Howe, Simon Type – and her banner.

Go to the **Bridgend & Porthcawl GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news

There's lots more online....



www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

FLOWER ARRANGING
PORHCRAWL Flower Arrangement Society will next meet at Awel-y-Mor, Porthcawl, on Wednesday, October 19 at 7.30pm, for a demonstration by Linda Garratt entitled 'Rich Pickings'; everyone welcome.

Anita Lloyd, a resident at Morgana Court, Janet Power, care assistant at Morgana Court, and Kate Mosedale, Doctor of Chiropractic from C3 Chiropractic Clinic in Bridgend.



LEFT: Janet Power, care assistant at Morgana Court, with Kate Mosedale.

OUR FINAL
THE Place for Homes
50th Anniversary
SALE

NOW ON

Treat yourself to a new Dining Set for Christmas
over 50 Dining Sets on display in a range of styles and finishes to suit your budget...



The Penlyne
Extending Dining Table and 4 Chairs
Was £829.95
Now Only £599.95



The Quercia

Dining Range combines natural beauty and contemporary design produced from the finest quality European oak. Each piece of furniture is made individually for our customers.
Table & 6 Chairs
Was £2399.95 **Now Only £1399.95** **SAVE £1000**



The Warwick
Extending Dining Table and 4 Cross Back Chairs
Was £949.95
Now Only £669.95

To celebrate the last few days of our 50th Anniversary Sale, we're giving you **50% OFF ALL ITEMS** in our **ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION** plus the added bonus of **1 years INTEREST FREE CREDIT**

Plus don't miss great **Anniversary Offers** in our ever expanding carpet and flooring, curtains and soft furnishings departments.

Unit 1, Retail Area,
Llandow Ind. Est.
Nr Cowbridge, CF71 7PA
Tel: (01446) 772927/772928
SAT NAV CF71 7PA



The Place for Homes,
Llandow, Cowbridge...
ONLY 15 MINUTES
from Culverhouse Cross

USUAL OPENING HOURS
MON, TUE, WED & FRI 9am-5.30pm, SATURDAY 10am-5pm
THURSDAY 9am-6pm, SAT 10am-5.30pm, SUN 11am-5pm

Visit our website at
www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk
Enquiries email: sales@theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

AMs in pink for families affected by breast cancer



Suzy Davies AM.

REGIONAL AM for South Wales West Lucy Davies has added her voice in support of 'Wear it Pink' day later this month.

Like others, the Welsh Conservative has shown her support for women affected by breast cancer by dressing up in pink and is hoping other will do the same as part of the UK's biggest, brightest and pinkest fundraiser on Friday, October 21.

Wear it pink is now into its 15th year and is calling on supporters from across the country to add a flash of pink to their wardrobe for the day and raise money for Breast Cancer Now's life-saving breast cancer research.

Mrs Davies joined fellow Assembly Members in wearing it

pink to encourage people across Wales to get involved and help Breast Cancer Now towards their ambition that, by 2050, everyone that develops the disease will live.

"Wear it pink raises close to £2 million each year for world-class research into breast cancer, and this year it's going to be pinker and more fun than ever before. Anyone can take part, whether at work, at home or at school. All you have to do is wear something pink and donate what you can," Suzy Davies AM said.

Sign up to wear it pink on Friday, October 21 to support Breast Cancer Now's life-saving research. For more information or to register, visit www.wearitpink.org.

I MISSED the Labour Party Conference. I was in Canada and then in the US at NATO conferences discussing naval power, immigration, refugees, corruption, trade agreements and, of course, Brexit.

Some may think all this has little to do with Bridgend – but nothing could be further from the truth.

NATO's naval power is declining. The UK has only 19 destroyers and frigates and only 13 submarines. This is less than the task group we sent to retake the Falklands.

Our six destroyers have serious engine problems that often render them inoperable in warm waters. Our 13 Type 23 frigates are past their 'sell-by date', and there is no start date for their replacement Type 26 frigates.

We are only purchasing eight Type 26 frigates and, later,

five low capability, general purpose frigates.

As recently as the 1990s, the UK had 12 destroyers, 38 frigates and 25 submarines. With 97 per cent of our food and trade goods coming into the country via ships, 99 per cent of Internet and telecommunications relying on transatlantic cables, and our offshore oil, gas and wind farms generating power based off shore, our ability to defend our seas is imperative.

Only three NATO nations have full spectrum capability, the US, UK and France. The UK is falling behind as new areas of potential conflict open up.

I have written before about the thawing of the Arctic Sea leaving our northern back yard vulnerable, in a way it has never been before. We have no ice-enabled capability.

None of our ships can cope with ice and our submarines are only now learning how to surface through ice.

Canada has a huge

BUSY BEES AT ST BRIDE'S SCHOOL

PRIMARY PUPILS CREATE A BUZZ!



ST Bride's Major C/W Primary School and pollinators (bees, butterflies, moths and hoverflies) have benefited from free National Garden Gift vouchers thanks to the 'Natural Buzz' campaign run by environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy, and funded by Welsh Government.

Children from St Bride's Major Primary School rolled up their sleeves and gave pollinators a helping hand when they found out they had been successful in applying for £250, which they used to buy plants to improve their school grounds.

The aim of the 'Natural Buzz' campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, as well as to

help communities create new habitats and food sources for pollinators by planting wild flower havens in unused spaces.

Mrs Decker, 'Eco School' co-ordinator said: "We were thrilled when we found out that we'd been successful in applying in for Garden Centre vouchers.

"Natural Buzz has enabled us to make a huge improvement to the pollen and nectar that's on offer in our school grounds and, hopefully,

this will benefit our local environment and wildlife, as well as the local community."

Keep Wales Tidy asked schools across Wales to apply for a 'Natural Buzz' grant of up to £250 to help them in their pollinator improvement projects.

For more information on the 'Natural Buzz' initiative, e-mail GroupFunding@keepwalestidy.org or visit the website www.keepwalestidy.org

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for GEM readers.



Arctic coast line but has relied on its more powerful neighbour for much of its defence, spending only 1 per cent of its GDP on defence.

A defence policy review is under way and the NATO group from 14 European NATO members were there to question Canada's ability to help protect our northern flank.

REFUGEES

We also wanted to learn about Canada's refugee policy. In one year it has accepted 43,000 Syrian refugees.

Fifteen Government agencies have been involved in the assessment, vetting and planning to bring such large numbers of people to resettle in Canada.

Canada utilised its

presence around the globe to allow the resettlement process to work 24/7. When one part of the globe stopped work for the day, its agencies in other countries started working, ensuring that all of the vetting processes and individuals were checked at every step.

Two main groups arrived in Canada, those who were privately sponsored and those with government sponsorship.

A private sponsor may be a family member, churches, mosques, local communities, companies or charities. The vast majority of refugees were privately sponsored.

Military planes and charter flights brought families to welcome centres where they were provided with all they would need before moving on to host areas. Health cards, National Insurance numbers and winter clothing were provided to the families.

All were found permanent housing and evaluated for either English or French full time funded language training.

Assessments were carried out on skills levels and training needs to enter the workplace. Places were found for children in 3,000 schools across Canada.

The huge lesson from Canada was that success relied upon a whole community approach.

Not a government approach. Government can provide funds, make legislative changes easier, but it needed community buy in and commitment to make integration work.

Community support groups would help with CV writing, interview skills, help with understanding how social systems and schools worked, jobs fairs and police officers explaining the different relations between citizens and police in a democracy, the latter being a greater change than many had expected.

Social relationships between men and women in Canada were also discussed.

Start-up checks were provided to enable families to buy bedding, food and clothing for the extreme climates of Canada. Donations of toys, clothing bedding poured in as local stories were shared on social media.

By month 13 of their new life, the majority no longer need state assistance, though medical support may be ongoing. Those with medical needs had been given priority for entry to Canada and treatment for some started before they left their home region.

Dental treatment and immunisation was needed by many of the refugees, as over 60 per cent of the refugees are children and have young parents – though some families are multi-generational.

Given that Bridgend is soon to welcome 12 Syrian families, this success story had many lessons for us.

The main lesson was that arrival is simply not the end of the beginning. Commitment to supporting families in the local community must be long term.

'Communicate,

communicate, communicate' – was the other great message; let local people know what is happening and how they can help.

The Canadian model is being examined by other governments, aware that failure cannot be an option.

The macroeconomic outcomes of immigration are tracked in Canada which has a major history of immigration.

The research shows that refugees start out slow as they adjust to the new life, but within seven to eight years, meet the Canadian level, and all enter the labour market, if integration is facilitated.

Corruption in aid and trade deals and a tour of the parliament building followed. Canada's parliament was one of the alternative designs for our iconic building.

The big difference is that each Canadian MP has a designated seat/desk in the chamber and I felt uncomfortable with the clapping when front bench speakers make points.

We moved on to the US to visit Bath iron works, one of America's main defence ship building centres. (Have a look on line at the new Zumwalt class destroyers – they're amazing on so many levels).

Finally to Boston, to meet academics at Harvard and the Boston University to talk about security issues.

Many days spent in meeting rooms but the evidence received and the insight gained is invaluable.

Now the task of sharing this starts.

INSTALL Integrated Skips LTD

We will not be beaten on any written quotation for the Barry area.



- All sizes available
- Delivered & Collected
- Waste Collection Service
- Free surveys and estimates
- Labour hire to load your skip
- Grab hire & Plant hire
- 95% of our waste is recycled
- Domestic & Commercial
- Council/highway permits arranged
- Roll On Roll Off 15-50 Yards

MINI

MIDI

MAXI

XL MAXI

Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF. Tel: 01446 421072
Email: installskips@hotmail.com

Waste Carrier Number CBDU 7148



New Brands at Ogami Igam



Ogami Igam, 5 Royal Buildings, Penarth CF64 3EB Tel: 029 20704254

www.ogamigam.com

Tit-for-tat spat over BCBC 'zero-hour' contracts

ACCUSATIONS of 'hypocrisy' have been traded between Coun Ken Watts and Carwyn Jones AM over 'zero-hour' contracts used by Labour-controlled Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Mr Watts, a Welsh Conservative councillor for Newton, made the claim following his request to BCBC about its use of such contracts at Porthcawl Harbour.

BCBC revealed that some 344 zero-hour contracts were in use by BCBC throughout its workforce of 6,544, approximately five per cent.

Mr Watts said: "I have nothing against zero-hour contracts, and in the case of the harbour workers, this suits them."

"But the Labour Party has been revealed as being hypocritical on this matter, condemning employers for putting workers on them while its own council in Bridgend is doing just that."

Regional Conservative AM Suzy Davies said that such figures point to Labour's 'fake rage' against these contracts.

She added: "Edwina Hart, the Welsh Labour government's recently retired Minister for the Economy wanted to ban zero-hour contracts. Jeremy Corbyn has consistently spoken out against them and condemned private sector employers who operate them."

"They may like to claim that zero hours contracts are an affront to workers' rights but when Labour councils use them, it's a different story."

Bridgend AM Mr Jones replied in robust fashion, saying: "We need no lessons from the Tories on this. When they were responsible for running the council, it was a real mess."

"They have always attacked the

lowest paid and done their best to help those who earn the most in society.

"If the Tories want lessons in being hypocritical, they can take a long hard look at themselves."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The council utilises zero-hour contracts in very specific circumstances."

"One example is for the post of invigilator for school examinations, as this type of work occurs at various periods during the year and the hours are not guaranteed."

He added that a zero-hour contract "...allows the employee to exercise control of the amount of work they wish to accept, which is particularly important when this will be unknown for some time, and useful for people who need to balance their work-life responsibilities."

The spokesperson pointed out that staff on these contracts from the council are not restricted in undertaking work elsewhere and receive the same rates of pay, terms and conditions as employees who have contracts with 'guaranteed hours'.

Ms Davies echoed this, saying: "The Conservatives in Cardiff Bay and Westminster recognise that some workers are happy to use these contracts because they need the flexibility. No-one wants to see these contracts abused but Labour needs to get its own house in order before pointing the finger."

The GEM would like to hear from you if you are on a zero-hour contract? Does it, for example, provide 'work-life' balance and flexibility, or does it prevent you from feeling secure in your employment? Send letters to gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk including your name, telephone number and address.

Resident astonished at how her possessions vanished! *The house, the key, the garage... and disappearing car*

A Barry woman is in dispute with the Vale Council following a bizarre set of events involving a house, a key, a garage and a disappearing car.

On August 21 last year mum of two Stacey Edros took possession of a house in Woodstock Close.

She was thrilled to have a home of her own.

"The housing officer showed me round the house and it was amazing."

"He gave me the key to the front door, the back door and the bin shed."

"He handed me another key and said 'You'll have to go round and find out what this one's for.'"

About 20 yards from Stacey's house, situated at the entrance to the close are a set of garages.

"I went over there and the key opened the first garage. Having a garage with the house was a nice bonus."

"I was able to store the children's bikes, a bed frame, a TV, some pieces of furniture and

a suitcase containing paintings by my children and my sister's children."

In July this year her brother Peter asked if he could put his Citroen in the garage until he could afford to get it back on the road.

So far, so good.

But last Friday, there was a mysterious turn of events.

"My nephew came into the house after school and said: 'Where's the stuff from your garage gone?'"

Her nephew said there was a man with a car outside her garage, and tyres in it, but no sign of her possessions or the car.

"It sounded unbelievable. I went outside and spoke to the man by my garage and said: 'Excuse me, where's my stuff gone?'"

He said: 'I picked up the keys for the garage this morning. I'm renting it for £7.50 a week'."

Stacey was baffled. She endured a troubling weekend having to tell her brother his car had vanished and had to wait for the council offices to open on

Monday morning to get

by GEM REPORTER

some sort of an explanation.

"On Monday morning I spoke to a woman at the council who told me the garage wasn't in my tenancy agreement."

"She said my possessions had been disposed of and the car had been taken to a salvage company."

Visions of the car being crushed or taken apart entered her mind. But when she got in touch with the salvage company she discovered - to her relief - that it was intact, but she would have to pay a £120 retrieval fee.

Stacey was amazed that no one had contacted her brother, but was told by the official that because there was no MoT or tax on the vehicle the council had decided it had been abandoned. In fact, those were the very reasons her brother had taken it off the road.

Stacey points out that the housing officer

gave her the key and told her to find out what it was for - and, acting in good faith, she did.

To her knowledge, no one from the council knocked on her door or the doors of her neighbours to check whether anyone knew who was using the garage.

She thinks the council should return the car without a charge and compensate her for the possessions which were taken, including the children's paintings which are of sentimental value.

Mike Ingram, operational manager for public housing, told The GEM it was "an unfortunate situation", but insisted the keys had not been provided by the housing team.

"The garages on Claude Road are not adjacent to the properties on Woodstock Close and are not connected in any way."

"According to the council's records this particular garage had been empty for a considerable amount of time."

"The garage had not

been rented to the previous tenant of Ms Edros' current home, our housing team did not provide the keys to the garage, and nor did they tell the tenant that a garage was included in her tenancy."

"Ahead of the garage being rented to another of our tenants in September the locks were changed. When this work was undertaken the car and other belongings were discovered."

"The car inside was removed and placed into storage for 28 days and last week, having received no contact from anyone in the three weeks since the locks had been changed, the council's waste management team cleared the other items."

He added: "This is an unfortunate situation but as Ms Edros was not provided with any keys by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and was not paying any rent for the garage we are confident that our housing team have acted correctly."



Ysgol Stanwell School

Open Day, 18th October 2016

3pm - 6pm

We invite all prospective parents of Year 7 and Sixth Form students to visit our Open Day on Tuesday 18th October to meet staff and pupils and take part in activities.

Stanwell School is consistently placed among the top schools in Wales. In the most recent Eynon Inspection, Stanwell was awarded the highest rating of Excellent in all key questions. Inspectors praised the School's outstanding teaching and learning ethos; please visit our website www.stanwell.org to view the full report and also news of school events and achievements.

We provide extensive extra-curricular activities, with music, drama and sport all flourishing. A range of after-school clubs is available to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Excellent examination results are achieved by Stanwell pupils. In 2016, 82% of pupils achieved 5 GCSE grades A* - C, including English and Maths. 87% achieved a grade C or above in English GCSE, 89% in maths and 99% in Science. Results in the Sixth Form are equally impressive with A* - B grades achieved in 83% of all entries.

We look forward to meeting you at Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the school at any other time of year to arrange for a tour during the school day.






Stanwell School, Archer Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 2XL | 02920 707633 | stanwell.org

HUGH JAMES

Understanding you, understanding you.

FREE legal clinics

Visit a FREE, no obligation, drop in session to discuss whether you are eligible for compensation.

Katie will be in your local area to talk about:

- missed fractures
- birth injuries, including cerebral palsy
- mis-diagnosis, including cancer
- surgical complications
- hospital complaints; or
- any other negligence claim

Bridgend
17 October 2016 - 10am to 4pm

The Bridge, 46 - 48 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, CF31 1JB

No appointment is necessary. If you are unable to attend, we can also arrange free telephone consultations and home visits.

Contact Katie McCraith on:
01656 838 543
katie.mccraith@hughjames.com
hughjames.com/medneg



Hugh James are authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

MAGNIFICENT CONCERT CLOSES FESTIVAL



SB

Stile Antico performed a musical programme commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death



The Doric String Quartet.

SB



MW



MW

Young musicians from one of the Holy Cross Church concerts.

Photographs marked 'MW' are by Mike Wilcock. Photographs marked 'SB' are by Sarah Barnes.



MW

Music in the High Street.

SUBLIME playing by the strings of The Nidum Ensemble brought Cowbridge Music Festival to a fitting close in Holy Cross Church on Saturday (October 1).

Now in its seventh year, the festival has firmly established itself as one of the most innovative and popular musical celebrations in Wales, attracting musicians from far and wide of the highest quality.

From the award-winning Doric String

Quartet, who opened the festival to Hollywood nostalgia with celebrated jazz singer, Claire Martin, the festival again presented a wide range of music.

Cellist Leonard Elschenbroich with pianist Alexei Grynyuk, the amazing jazz guitarist Remi Harris, local stars Ellen Williams and Gwennllian Llyr, the world-famous vocal ensemble, Stile Antico, and the colourful Trio Anima – all added to what was to become an unforgettable fortnight of

music. Street performers dodged the rain on the High Street during the middle weekend to take the festival to alfresco audiences – while back in the church, some of the most talented young musicians in south Wales, aged 18 and under, were outstanding in two afternoon concerts.

Older students enjoyed public master classes given by two great Welsh musicians, harpist Catrin Finch and trumpet player, Huw Morgan.

For the schools outreach, the festival teamed up this year with the wonderful Children's Musical Adventures for five days of workshops, delighting hundreds of children with musical fun and games at Y Bont-faen, St Brides, Hendreforgan, Tref-y-Rhyg and Tonyrefail.

For the very young, the highlight was undoubtedly the family concert, again given by the Children's Musical Adventures team.

Percussionists turned comedians, Patrick King and Owen Gunnell, gave both parents and children a priceless hour of laughter with the aid of their magical musical time travelling machine, leaving nobody in any doubt that music is here to be enjoyed at any age.

AE



SB

Young harpists took part in a master class with Catrin Finch.



SB

Ellen Williams. (Photo by SB).



Claire Martin presented an evening with a Hollywood music theme.

MW

Learning all about T-cells at the WI

YSTRADOWEN WI NEWS

THE Ystradowen and District WI's October meeting was well attended, with six new members being welcomed by president Jan Foyle.

The evening also gave us a memorable talk which affected every one of us.

Dr Ann Ager, from the Division of Infection and Immunity, at the School of Medicine of Cardiff University, talked to us on the subject of 'T-cells – A Discovery'.

We heard about these cells, which are part of our immune system and the enormous strides which have been made to make us more able to combat the disabling conditions that affect us all in one way or another.

One of the more

telling statements Dr Ager made was her admiration for her young students who "constantly challenged" her, which made research even more productive.

Our members felt that her students were even more fortunate to have her as their tutor! A memorable evening.

After tea and cake, we adopted the previous minutes, were told that we have a very healthy bank balance, and sorted out the food arrangements for the Link meeting in Ystradowen on November 30.

We finished the evening with details of forthcoming events which we might like to attend. These comprised a guided tour of Cirencester, a whist competition, a Scrabble convention and a celebration of the Chinese New Year.

GB

Go to the **The GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

CHAMPION PLOUGHMAN



Champion ploughman Mike Thomas is pictured being presented with the Alban Wilde Perpetual Cup by Sue Evans, Alban's daughter at the annual Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing Match at Ogmores by Sea on Sunday. Also in the picture is chairman Andrew Studley.

Ploughing the old-fashioned way



THESE two images were captured by HEATHER MARCH at the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing match at Ogmores-by-Sea.



SB

ABOVE: Remi Harris' virtuosity dazzled the audience at the Duke of Wellington.



ABOVE: More performers at one of the young people's concerts.

New priest welcomed at Laleston and Merthyr Mawr with Pen-y-Fai



Left to right: Canon Mike Komor, Fr Anthony, the Archbishop and Archdeacon of Llandaff, Peggy Jackson.

ONE of Bridgend's newest group of parishes has welcomed its new priest – Father Anthony Beer, who has been licensed as priest-in-charge of the Benefice of Laleston and Merthyr Mawr with Pen-y-Fai by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan.

Dr Morgan, who licensed Fr Anthony at St David's Church, Laleston said: "Anthony will bring his considerable pastoral and spiritual gifts to his new parishes and I know people will hugely appreciate him."

Fr Anthony moves to Laleston from the Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major where he was Team Vicar. He takes over from Canon Edward Evans, who retired a year ago after serving 27 years in

the parish. The former HM Customs & Excise Officer, Welsh Government civil servant and freelance ice hockey journalist, was ordained in 2009, working as a non-stipendiary curate for two years in the parish of Caerau-with-Ely in Cardiff, before moving to the Vale of Glamorgan in 2011 to take up his first full-time position as a priest. He was curate for two years before becoming Team Vicar.

"I have learnt such a lot in a short space of time during my time as Team Vicar for nine churches in Llantwit Major – especially about the importance of unity and diversity and being a welcoming church capable of embracing all the many and various parts of life."

"It's so important that churches are able to look, reach out to and reflect the specific communities in

which they're located, whilst also being able to build for themselves on the sense of belonging to something bigger," said Fr Beer.

"I am looking forward to helping the three churches of All Saints, Pen-y-Fai, St David's, Laleston, and St Teilo's, Merthyr Mawr, as they develop an enhanced sense of belonging between one another whilst also continuing to recognise and respect their individual identity."

"What this means in practice – and in the way we go about developing our worship and identity – is that we can try different things in different locations."

In his spare time Anthony who is married to Elaine, enjoys photography, walking, running and growing his own vegetables and sunflowers.

Cylch Meithrin are leading the way for tots' healthy future...

STAFF at the Cylch Meithrin Ysgol Cynwyd Sant in Maesteg are helping to give young tots the healthiest possible start – by taking part in a prestigious national scheme.

Cylch Meithrin is on track to become the first Welsh language pre-school setting in Bridgend county borough to complete the 'Healthy and Sustainable pre-school scheme', funded by the Welsh Government and co-ordinated by BCBC's Childcare Team, in partnership with Public Health Wales.

It covers aspects of health aimed at improving the wellbeing of young children such as nutrition, oral health, physical activity, active play and the environment.

In Bridgend county borough, a total of 30 pre-school settings are participating in the scheme. Kate Parry, the council's Healthy Pre-School Practitioner, said: "A large number of nursery staff are doing a fantastic job in actively promoting nutritious meals and snacks, and other healthy practices to the parents of pre-schoolers."

"The scheme



ABOVE: Children enjoying the outdoors area at Cylch Meithrin Ysgol Cynwyd Sant in Maesteg.

encourages the highest standards of health, promoting habits that can be continued at home. Staff at the Cylch Meithrin at Ysgol Cynwyd Sant have already completed several chapters of the scheme and are making excellent progress.

"When the scheme inspectors visited them recently, they were particularly impressed with the staff's enthusiasm for encouraging the children to start learning about the world around them and to play outdoors if possible."

"During their accreditation, one little boy was proudly showing the inspector around and said 'look,

we have everything!'. It was lovely to hear him say this and it showed just how comfortable the children feel at the Cylch Meithrin."

Hailey Townsend, the cabinet member for children's social services and equalities, said: "Many important habits are established at a young age, making the pre-school environment an ideal time to influence a child's health and well-being."

"Pre-school settings that participate in this scheme are given access to excellent resources and training opportunities which staff can use to enrich the lives of the children in their

care. Among the key topics that the scheme covers is the importance of physical activity in the early years. It has been proven that active children are healthy, happy, sleep better and are more ready for school."

"Being active makes such a difference to a child's development, and the advice is for children under five to be moving for at least three hours a day."

"That can include time walking, jumping, playing, scooting, or other movements, so it's not about them needing to attend a fitness class or anything like that, but moving more instead of being sat down."

25% Off All Branded Shower Enclosures and Shower Trays
*Discount off full retail list price

Browse through more than 100 beautiful bathroom & shower displays

bathroom CENTRE *Simply add water...*

Cardiff Bathroom Centre, Hadfield Road, Cardiff CF11 8PW
Tel 029 2034 0861 www.cardiffbathroomcentre.com

*Discount off full retail list price

SELF STORAGE IN WALES JUST GOT BETTER!

MASONS SELF STORAGE 24/7 access & 50% off for the first 8 Weeks*

THE CLASSIC STORAGE SOLUTION

- 24-hour access, 365 days per year
- Fully alarmed facility with 24 hr CCTV
- State of the Art Lifts
- Wide range of secure rooms from 25sqft to 1000sqft
- Flexible storage periods • External Container storage

MASONS WORLD SELF STORAGE No need to hire a van!

MOBILE STORAGE: VAULT OR TRAILER

Step 1 we'll drop your very own storage vault or trailer at your location and leave it with you to load

Step 2 once you have finished you just need to lock it up and let us know

Step 3 we'll return to collect the storage vault or trailer and take it to the Masons Self Storage Centre

HIGH QUALITY PACKAGING SUPPLIES

BOXES, BUBBLE WRAP, TAPE, PLUS MUCH MORE, IDEAL FOR MOVING HOME OR OFFICE

Pop into the shop on the edge of Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, easily accessed by the link road or visit www.masonselfstorage.co.uk for the full range and call to discuss DELIVERY...

FOR A FREE QUOTE CALL 0800 470 1113

E: info@masonselfstorage.co.uk | www.masonselfstorage.co.uk/storage-got-better

Masons Self Storage, The Storage Centre, Priority Enterprise Park, Cardiff Rd, Barry, GPG 2DG

Members of the IFMA Self-Storage Association

*Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer and can be withdrawn at any time without notice. Offer applies to advance payment of 3 month period from move in date.

Rescue helicopters celebrate first anniversary in the Vale



LEFT:
St Athan crews winch training with the RNLI.

BRISTOW
Helicopters Ltd is marking its first anniversary of handling search and rescue (SAR) operations on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency from its base in the Vale of Glamorgan.

HM Coastguard service became operational at St Athan on October 4, 2015 and statistics for the base's first year show the crew responded to around 200 taskings from the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre (ARCC).

Chief Pilot Captain Olly Padbury, said: "I'd like to extend our thanks to the local communities for making us feel so welcome over the past 12 months. It's a great privilege to serve this area and we are very much looking forward to the future as part of HM Coastguard's lifesaving service."

"I am particularly pleased that we have been able to establish such positive

relationships with emergency service teams north and south of the Bristol Channel. The year has brought an enormous variety of missions, from feeling our way through low cloud in the Black Mountains, to the beaches of north Devon, ferries, fishermen and Lundy Island. I am so proud of the team here at St Athan and of the service we provide."

The Bristow crews are operating with state-of-the-art helicopters, equipped with the latest search and rescue technology including night vision, mission management and increased onboard medical capabilities.

Russell Torbet, director of UK SAR, said: "It's a proud day for the SAR team at Bristow. Many years of hard work went into the preparations for taking over the service from the military, so 12 months of successful operations at St Athan is indeed a great milestone."

BUILDING CHIEF'S 1,200KM ROCKIES' CHARITY RIDE...

GETTING on his bike for charity is a regular occurrence for Bridgend construction boss Marc Jehu, but he admits that his latest charity ride, cycling 1,200km from Barcelona to Monaco for Prostate Cymru, is the biggest challenge to date.

He joined up with the team of charity cyclists in Barcelona from where they started their cycle ride, heading across the Spanish border into the south of France and eventually completing the journey in Monaco.

Many of the cyclists involved have links with Prostate Cymru, and Jehu Project Services has been delighted to continue with an ongoing partnership with the charity to deliver awareness-raising Toolbox talks to staff as part of health awareness.

Marc said: "We hope that the charity cycle ride, and the Tool box talks, will help get the message across to men of all ages working with us about the challenges of this disease and we are pleased to be supporting such a



worthwhile charity. The support received has been amazing and I have raised £1,915 so far." Anyone wishing to support Marc Jehu's charity cycle challenge, can visit the charity donation page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MarcJehu-Barc2Monaco>

JG PLANT LTD **HONDA**
The Power of Dreams

Your local Honda Power Equipment & Honda Lawn and Garden Dealership

01656 653200 | www.jgplant.com | reception@jgplant.com

MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Kittens, young & older cats & dogs
All needing a new family!

All cats have been neutered & microchipped
Tel: (01656) 769855

All our work is funded by Charity Shops.
Donations always welcome.

Tel: 01656 871760 Dogs
Tel: 01656 721496 Cats
www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk

Thanking everyone for their continued support
Charity Number: 1020630
Pleased to support the Macmillan Charity Appeal

Evolving Communities Workshop

Do you want to explore new ways of delivering services, facilities and activities in your community?

We can support you to understand what your community needs and trial new ways meeting of the local demands with innovative solutions to everyday issues.

Come and find out more!



Wednesday 19th October 2016

9.30am - 1.00pm

St Athan Community Centre, Glyndwr Avenue, CF62 4PD

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Booking essential. RSVP by 14th October 2016.
To book a place at the workshop, please contact:
Email: create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
Tel: 01446 704828



Gweithdy Esblygu Cymunedau

Hoffech chi archwilio ffyrdd newydd o ddarparu gwasanaethau, adnoddau a gweithgareddau yn eich cymuned?

Gallwn roi cymorth i chi ddeall anghenion eich cymuned a threialu ffyrdd newydd o gwrdd â gofynion lleol gydag atebion blaengar i faterion bob dydd.

Dewch i ddarganfod mwy!



Dydd Mercher 19 Hydref 2016

9.30am - 1.00pm

Canolfan Gymunedol Sain Tathan, Glyndwr Avenue, CF62 4PD

DARPERIR CINIO

Rhaid cadw lle. Atebwch erbyn 14 Hydref 2016.
I archebu lle yn y gweithdy, cysylltwch â:
E-bost: create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
Ffôn: 01446 704828



VALE LINES UP BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BACK in April, LABC Cymru held the 21st South Wales Building Excellence Awards event at the Vale Resort.

Vale Council winners then went on to compete against finalists from north Wales, at the All Wales Building Excellence Awards, held at the Wales Millennium Centre.

Taylor Wimpey were Best New Large Developers and Best Conversion, for their development at Channel Heights, Rhosce.

Properties for the conversion of the Pump House, Waterfront, Barry (Simon Baston from D S Properties) won the Best Conversion category.

Francois Samuel, Welsh Government, Head of Building Regulations at the Planning Directorate, and Paul Everall, LABC

Chief Executive, gave out the awards. The Vale Council's Victoria Robinson said: "We are extremely proud to have these examples of excellence in construction here in the Vale of Glamorgan."

"Our Building Control team have forged and maintained strong working relationships with the industry, to deliver and promote these examples of Best Practice."

"These awards recognise the hard work and commitment of all involved in the process."

"We would like to thank our local sponsors for continuing to support the awards at a local level. Nina Estate Agents, ACD Skip and Recycling, The Vale Resort, The Glamorgan GEM and Jewson of Barry."



The two winners will now be competing as finalists at the National Building Excellence Awards in November at Westminster Park Plaza, London.

Barry park will turn into the town's first ice rink!

CENTRAL PARK in Barry is to host the town's first-ever ice rink this winter, and will be home to a series of attractions as part of its transformation into Ice Central.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will install an undercover rink to be situated in the park adjacent to Barry Town Hall, which will open after the big 'switch-on' of Barry's Christmas lights on November 26 at 5pm.

Ice Central will offer seasonal food, drinks and live music as well as a family friendly festive skating experience. The rink will be open for eight days and is the centrepiece of the Vale Council's winter events programme for 2016.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "For the past two years, we have held the hugely-popular Christmas projections in King Square."

"These two evenings have proved that the right events can attract huge numbers of people to Barry's town centre."

"What we are now doing, is building on that success with an event that lasts for a week, rather than an evening and so can be enjoyed by even more people."

"As well as providing festive fun for families from Vale and beyond we hope the event, the first of its kind in the town, will provide a boost to local traders at what we know is a very important time of year."

"The programme of events during the week, and elsewhere across the Vale during the Christmas period, is still being finalised and this is the first of many

announcements. So watch this space!" she added.

Ice Central is being delivered in partnership with Mack Events, the team behind the successful GlastonBarry festival.

The Ice Central rink will open at 5.30pm on Saturday, November 26 and every day from Sunday, November 27 to Sunday, December 4.

There will be late night events on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Prices start from £3; family ticket £10.

For more details, see www.visitthevale.com.

DROP-IN ADVICE

COUNCILLORS Richard and Robert Bertin and Andy Griffiths (Election 17 candidate) will be holding one of their regular drop-in advice sessions on Saturday, October 15 at the Community Room in Barry Library between 2pm-3pm.

All residents are welcome to attend and no appointment is necessary.

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?

Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!

Cloudy2Clear Are A...



All Glazing Backed By Our

25 YEAR GUARANTEE



REPLACING YOUR FAILED DOUBLE GLAZING

Priority Freephone
0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges!

Up to 5 YEARS INTEREST FREE CREDIT# on ALL WINDOWS

Compare our prices and see how affordable our replacement windows can be when you spread the cost with up to 5 years **INTEREST FREE CREDIT#**. By installing our A rated replacement windows you'll also save thousands on your energy bills **returning over 150%** of the original cost of the installation.

NUMBER OF WINDOWS Typical per house	WHICH? GUIDE PRICE* with 'B' Rated Windows	LEEKES GUIDE PRICE* with 'A' Rated Windows	UP TO 5 YEARS INTEREST FREE CREDIT*	SAVINGS ON ENERGY BILLS* over 25 years
Window House	£2100 - £2480	£2106	£87.75 per month over 24 months	£3831.35
Window House	£3100 - £3540	£3145	£87.35 per month over 36 months	£5098.41
Window House	£4930 - £5600	£4966	£82.76 per month over 60 months	£7149.89

Leekes prices based on: 6 windows = 1 x 600x900mm, 1 x 600x1200mm, and 4 x 1200x1200mm. 8 windows = 2 x 900x1200mm, 4 x 1200x1200mm and 2 x 1800x1200mm. 12 windows = 2 x 900x1200mm, 5 x 1200x1200mm and 5 x 1800x1200mm.



We will **NOT** be beaten on **PRICE** on **ANY** like for like proven quote[†]



"We would like very much to express our complete satisfaction with the double glazing installed by Leekes recently. The finished product was absolutely perfect inside and out and we cannot praise their work sufficiently. We have and always will recommend Leekes to anyone requiring high quality double glazing installed to the highest standards."

Beryl & Michael White, Hereford

Conservatory Installer of The Year Finalist



Glass and Glazing Federation



Leekes
You're home

Book your **FREE** no obligation quote **TODAY** at **leekeswindows.co.uk**

Leekes Llantrisant, Cowbridge Road, RCT. CF72 8XU | **0800 015 7749**

PRECIOUS MEDALS

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE
AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

Pictures can be purchased
by contacting:

E-Mail: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone 07791 228684
www.ffotoimage.co.uk

THEY came from near, and went far – all the way to Brazil and the Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics – representing Team GB.

Each of them embodied the Olympic motto of *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, (Faster, Higher, Stronger) and personified tenacity, grit and the bulldog spirit.

The GEM salutes Wales' winners!



Local family remember a 'wonderful mother, daughter, sister, and wife'

THE Pontyclun woman who died following a collision which occurred at approximately 7am on Tuesday, October 4 on the A4232 between Junction 33 and Culverhouse Cross has been named as Debra-Claire Lewis-Jones.

Her family have issued the following statement:

"It is with a heavy heart and a pain that can't be put into words that the family of Debra-Claire Lewis-Jones announce her sudden passing.

"A wonderful mother, daughter, sister, and wife; she was our rock. She knew the answers to everything, and she knew it. Her favourite phrase was 'I'm always right' and I can't recall a time when she wasn't.

"She let few people into her heart, but those she did she held dear and she held close, her family most of all. The loss of Debra-Claire will be felt further and deeper than can be explained.

"She was one of the happiest people, she laughed easily and frequently, and as her family can attest; she laughed with her whole body and soul. We will miss her.

"We would like to thank the witnesses and bystanders that called in for help as soon as the unfortunate incident happened; as well as the emergency services for their quick response, but in particular, South Wales Police for their assistance to our family.

"We'd also like to thank all the staff who have looked after

and cared for Debra-Claire at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Finally, we would like to express our condolences to everyone whose lives she touched and would appreciate if we could be left alone during our period of grieving, while we come to terms with such a huge loss in our lives."

• South Wales Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them. Officers would like to speak to anybody who witnessed the collision or who stopped to provide assistance, or to anyone who may have seen the a Seat Ibiza vehicle being driven prior to the collision.

Contact the serious collision investigation unit on 101, or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111; reference 1600382012.

COFFEE, CAKE – AND A FLU JAB FOR THE MAYOR!

RIGHT: Flu Champion Co-Ordinator Nurse Neil Pugh, Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet Officer Mark Petherick and the Vale Mayor.



THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan, recently held a "very successful" coffee morning at Llandough Hospital – to raise funds for his two chosen charities, the Llandough Hospital Orchard Project and the Penarth and District Lesotho Trust.

The Mayor

contributed with his own award-winning Welsh cakes, and would like to thank the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, British Gas volunteers, CostCo and all who helped raise £168.

The next coffee morning will be held at Llandough Hospital Plaza on Wednesday, November 2 from 10.30am to 12 noon.

The Mayor also received his flu vaccination, courtesy of Flu Champion Co-ordinator Nurse, Neil Pugh and commented: "Free flu jabs are available from your GP, or participating local pharmacy for those who are at risk, to protect against catching flu and developing serious complications.

"Although flu can be a relatively mild illness, which gets better by itself, it can be much more serious in some people. Each year in the UK, there are deaths caused by seasonal flu."

Follow us on Twitter - find us @gem_news

50% off NEW SEASON SALE

Now in the
FINAL
DAYS

Designer furniture for every room
at prices **everyone** can afford

Order today for **GUARANTEED** Christmas Delivery!!!



Wicker & Willow Hearts
Extra 20% off from
£39



Lakeside Corner Sofa
Extra 20% off only
£799



Reclaimed Ranch Dining Table
Extra 20% off
£299



Imperio Durban
Extra 20% off from
£299



Breeze Bedframe
Extra 20% off only
£499



Coral Patina Bowl
Extra 20% off only
£29

Expect so much more than an
average furniture store



Like us on
facebook

fw
homestores
Get the look... for less!

PENARTH ROAD CARDIFF

Unit 5, Freemans Park, Penarth Road,
Cardiff, CF11 8TU.

Tel: 02920 371970

www.fwhomestores.co.uk

NEW
LATE NIGHT
MONDAYS
Open till 8pm

take up to
36
months
FREE credit
no interest no charges
0% typical APR

Opening Times

Mon: 9.30am - 8.00pm
Tue - Thur: 9.30am - 6.00pm
Fri - Sat: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm

DAVID PROSSER & CO
SOLICITORS

Wills, Lasting Powers of
Attorney, Probate and Estate
Disputes & Administration

WE ARE A LOCAL, WELL
ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRACTICE

We will:

- Be polite and professional
- Respond promptly to your enquiries
- Provide clear information on costs
- Offer home visits where necessary

Please contact Brendan Sweeney.

Telephone 01656 645921

E-Mail: brendansweeney@
davidprosser.co.uk

3 Court Road, Bridgend CF31 1BL

David Prosser & Co is the trading name of
DP Law Limited.

HDCS
We've got IT covered

IT solutions
for your home
and business

Our new Offices and Workshop are:
Unit 37a, Vale Business Park,
Llandow, Near Cowbridge CF71 7PF.

COMPUTER AND LAPTOP REPAIRS
VIRUS PROBLEMS
INTERNET & EMAIL PROBLEMS
DATA RECOVERY

Fast, reliable local service covering all areas including
Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, Barry, Penarth, Cardiff
and Bridgend. WE CAN COME TO YOU! HOME or
OFFICE, or call in and see us.

Call 01446 333330
or EMAIL - admin@hdcs.co.uk
www.hdcs.co.uk

CONFERENCE ON 'DARK SIDE OF THE SOUL'

THE need to 'flee from oneself' is the theme of a conference organised by Cynnal, the churches' counselling service.

The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, is endorsing the event which takes place at Carmarthen on October 26, and said: "Christ warned that we live in poverty if we do not know ourselves. This conference is a chance to highlight such spiritual impoverishment and challenge each other to dwell with ourselves."

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Living Room Cardiff on 029 2049 3895 to register or send an e-mail to carol.hardy@cais.org.uk.

GRABit

Plant Hire Groundwork Contractors Ltd



Grab Hire Service
covering The Vale & surrounding areas.
☎ 01446 700535

We cover • **Building/groundwork & civil engineering** • **All size track machinery with drivers available**
• **Suppliers of top soil** • **Suppliers of sub soil** • **Suppliers of re-cycled stone**
• **Suppliers of quarry stone**

• **3t loads away - £95**
• **Aggregates**
• **Deliveries**

GRABit
Groundwork Contractors

We cover all aspects of Design and Build.

For more information please call Byron on: 01446 700535

01446 700535

Could you foster a rescue greyhound?



ABOVE and BELOW:
Just two of the dogs currently in the care of Greyhound Rescue Wales.



WHAT'S ON - News in brief

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Khunell and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 15 from 10am-11am in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square. No appointment necessary.

Scouts' book sale

THE 1st Cowbridge Scout Group are holding their annual book sale this Saturday, October 15 at the Scout Hall from 10.30am-3.30pm. All welcome; free admission.

A LOCAL greyhound rescue group is looking to recruit more volunteers to care for the dogs in their care.

Greyhound Rescue Wales rehomes ex-racing greyhounds, and volunteer Beverley Page from Llantwit major told The GEM: "We always have a need for homes most of all, but we are also starting up a foster scheme to help rehabilitate some of our long stay dogs."

"We are looking for super canine fosterers who will receive full support from our organisation's team of experts. This helps our dogs learn about life in a home."

A number of local residents are already fostering, and they are enjoying the experience.

Gill Jones of Pencoed said: "Being a fosterer to our first greyhound has proved to quite a privilege!"

"There has been lots of support around me if needed. It has proved great for my health as I

am now walking more regularly and with purpose."

"There are also groups which offer a social network with organised walks, but the most important part for me is giving this noble breed a second chance and to be able to keep them safe."

Brenda Grove lives in Cowbridge and she had this to say: "Some people in Cowbridge will have seen my whippet, Jasper and me walking with our new friend, Carl the greyhound, whom we are fostering."

"After a bad start in life, this ex-racer was going to be shot because of a broken toe. Carl was taken in by Greyhound Rescue Wales and they found him a foster home with us."

"He arrived very nervous of everything, people, traffic, loud and unexpected noises but he is slowly adapting to a life in a home with regular walks, a comfortable bed (preferably your sofa) and plenty of TLC."

"It is very rewarding

to see the difference that you can make to the well-being of an abused dog. Carl and Jasper get on well together and Carl, although large, is quite and gentle in the house."

"He is slowly learning that most people are kind and friendly and that life can be fun."

"Greyhound Rescue Wales is looking for more foster homes for dogs like Carl and I would recommend it."

"One other benefit is the increased exercise you get from the twice daily walks and,

incidentally, contrary to what you might think, greyhounds do not require a lot of exercise."

"Basically, they are lazy dogs and two 20 to 30 minute walks a day with occasional free running in an enclosed field or similar will keep them happy."

"If you see us on our twice daily walks around Cowbridge, stop and talk to us and we will tell you all about it".

Greyhound Rescue Wales can be contacted on 03000123999 or via www.greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk

Welsh wine winners

THE Welsh Vineyards Association's (WVA) annual wine competition was held at Llanerch Vineyard at Hensol in the Vale of Glamorgan, and saw 42 wines entered by nine vineyards from north to south Wales.

Ten bronze and five silver awards were made, with the best wine in each class also receiving a trophy. Kerry Vale Solaris 2014 was named as overall Wine of

the Competition and received the The Thomas Davies Memorial Trophy.

The expert judging panel were: Linda Johnson-Bell wine critic, author and climate change analyst; Michael Harrison international wine judge and Bibendum Fine Wine manager; and David Cowderoy, wine maker and owner of Bevtac.

Said WVA chairman, Robb Merchant: "The interest in Welsh wines is growing as the quality improves. Presently, Welsh vineyards produce around 100,000 bottles a year and this is set to double by 2020."

For the latest stories and news...

www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk



QualitySolicitors
Devonalds

01443 404700



URGENT DEADLINE FOR RECOVERING WRONGLY PAID CARE HOME FEES IN WALES!

31 OCTOBER 2016

- The Welsh Government has recently implemented a new deadline for recovering wrongly paid care home fees.
- If you or someone you know has been paying care home fees, and the primary reason for their care was a health issue, it's possible that the fees should have been paid by the NHS.
- Fees can still be reclaimed even if the person who received the care has since passed away.

We have already recovered **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS** for our clients across South Wales. Let us see if we could help you today!

To find out more give us a call on **01443 404700** or email **CHC@devonalds.co.uk** and speak to a member of our experienced specialised team.

BRIDGEND'S MOST AFFORDABLE WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES



CALL G2S WALES ON 01656 349467

PROBABLY THE CHEAPEST CALL YOU WILL EVER MAKE

TRIPLE & DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS ANY SIZE, ANY STYLE ONE PRICE



3 YEARS 0% INTEREST FREE FINANCE AVAILABLE

OR BUY NOW AND PAY NOTHING UNTIL **OCTOBER 2017**

COLOURED COMPOSITE DOORS

UPVC FRONT & BACK DOORS



VISIT OUR LOCAL SHOWROOM
ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM TESCO,
SAT NAV CF31 3TB



✓ All of our prices include
VAT and installation

✓ All of our windows and doors are
fitted within 3 weeks of ordering

WE WILL BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE WRITTEN QUOTE



CALL ME, ALAN WILLIAMS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF G2S WALES FOR A
FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE ON 01656 349467
AND SAY 'YES TO G2S' THE CHEAPEST CALL YOU WILL EVER MAKE!

UNIT 1, YORK PARK, CHEPSTOW RD, BRIDGEND IND. ESTATE BRIDGEND CF31 3TB WWW.G2SWALES.CO.UK

100'S OF STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM IN STORE

Offers cannot be used with any other advertised offer, cannot be used in conjunction with any other or previous quotation, discount or offer. Each section of a bay window counts as one window, maximum window size 2.5m x 1.2m. Prices are for UPVC white casement windows with clear or obscure glass only. G2S reserve the right to withdraw any offer without prior notice. The G2S Group is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The firm appears on the Financial Services Register (FIRM 670862) and is authorised to provide credit broking services. The G2S Group act as an intermediary and only offer products from Creative Consumer Finance Limited. Creative Consumer Finance is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 211510). 1405 OCT 2016.

Out & About with The GEM

SPONSORED BY

MEMO #BARRYCINEMEMO
www.memoartscentre.co.uk
**BARRY'S NEW DIGITAL
CINEMA & LIVE
STREAMING THEATRE**

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D952.

● £2,000: 584520.
● The rollover, which now stands at £5,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 733621, 112840, 274728, 586418, 799046, 530708, 150257, 269494, 808441, 547743, 692412, 658462, 975158, 133107, 134802, 1027908, 5629117, 794, 244.

● £5: 451386, 179220, 220841, 664675, 366911, 153424, 551066, 809059, 754743, 781903, 282490, 123200, 898157,

838206, 107385, 456041, 829189, 701883, 356511, 852537, 814027, 137595, 143637, 652510, 677356, 488877, 837748, 670827, 903281, 700806, 326334, 860685, 588397, 621641, 426076, 691929, 818509, 729151, 608394, 950825, 255779, 687184, 304706, 179840, 233149, 145372, 689462, 426944, 296395, 425987, 467374, 321402, 703590, 700979, 556298, 947143, 466, 107, 1120022, 1938097.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Rhose singer in line for top award

SINGER-songwriter Jack Ellis from Rhose has beaten thousands of other acts to be named in the UK's top ten Unsigned Male Acts at the 2016 Unsigned Music Awards (UMAs).

Launched in 2012, the awards have seen more than 35,000 music fans cast their vote, including celebrities such as Welsh international footballer Gareth Bale.

Nominees are also put forward for 'The Critic's Choice Award', and Jack will hope his music impresses a panel of three industry experts.

The vote for Best Unsigned Male 2016 takes place at www.bobunsigned.com between October 17-23. Facebook: www.facebook.com/bobunsigned Twitter: @BoBUnsigned

This Girl is a Train crash of a film...

WHEN she made her debut in

Pawel Pawlikowski's provocative and compelling *My Summer of Love* in 2004, Emily Blunt showed some serious acting nous, but it would have taken a bold person to predict how successful her career would turn out

Breaking out in *The Devil Wears Prada*, Blunt has gone on to successfully navigate a multitude of genres, delivery consistently strong turns, and her latest film sees her star in the adaptation of Paula Hawkins' *The Girl On The Train*.

With the location moved from England to New York, Blunt plays Rachel, a commuter who sees a couple (Haley Bennett and Luke Evans) every day from the window of her train.

When Rachel sees a shocking act in the couple's garden, and learns Megan is missing, feared dead, she begins her own investigation that may uncover some shocking truths, but is

hampered by her alcoholism and her infatuation with her ex-husband and his new wife (Justin Theroux and Rebecca Ferguson)...

When adapting a book for the big screen (and let's face it, there's probably few at this point that haven't gone from page to film) the makers have to satisfy two audiences – the one that hasn't read the book and is watching the film without any great level of expectation, and the one that has read the book and is keen to see if the film version can better what they've already read.

After watching *The Girl On The Train* (and being in the former camp), it's hard to know just who is going to emerge satisfied, as the film is a predictable, flat and oddly lifeless piece of work. Promises of a twisting, turning thriller are broken, the story hitting predictable beats and the outcome telegraphed at least halfway through (the more observant may possibly get there before that).

One of the more positive aspects of the film is the cast, who do a fairly good job with what they're given. Emily Blunt offers a decent

performance but doesn't quite get under the skin of the character; Rachel is your usual unreliable witness, her version of events possibly true but clouded by her lack of sobriety and addled memories (that clear up at just the right time for the story to shift up gears) and while Blunt gives the damaged character a bruised personality, she doesn't quite feel the right fit.

Haley Bennett as the girl Rachel sees from the train is meant to be another damaged soul, her backstory of heartbreak and sadness compelling, but doesn't play into the main narrative and feels tacked into it in order to provide a little more depth and make you sympathetic to what is a slightly annoying character.

Justin Theroux and Rebecca Ferguson are perfectly adequate, he as the man trying to juggle his new life with the echoes of his past in the shape of Rachel, while Ferguson's shrew-like wife sits nicely in the story.

But what really lets the film down is the by-numbers plotting, the constant resorting to red herrings and clichés (the usually superb Allison Janney is given the role

of a detective whose only job is to disregard every piece of evidence Rachel offers her under the assumption Rachel is involved).

It aims for Hitchcock-like levels of suspense, but ends up merely echoing similar films that feature the same type of plot twists and story strands (both *Before I Go To Sleep* and Robert Zemeckis' supernatural Hitchcock-inspired *What Lies Beneath* are touchstones).

It's directed with very little panache by Tate Taylor, who bathes the film in steely blues and resorts to shaky effects every time Rachel takes a drink. While the thrust of the film should be Rachel's unreliability as a witness, instead of developing that and playing it up, instead Taylor makes it perfectly clear early on that Rachel is innocent and that the hunt for the perpetrator is on.

That we only meet four characters who it could be detracts from any surprise and simply reinforces the telegraphed ending.

What strives to be a *Gone Girl* instead ends up something more schlocky and less refined – *The Girl On The Train* suffers from a severe

case of leaves on the line.

VERDICT – A damp squib of a film that fails to rise above its pulpy foundations, *The Girl On The Train* is a disappointing effort that feels all too familiar. The cast are fair to middling, but Tate Taylor's direction is flat and the story itself reveals its mysteries far too easily to make this a far from satisfying viewing experience. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Gone Girl* (2014), *Before I Go To Sleep* (2014).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**
Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

MP's story – part three

VETERAN MP Alan Johnson will be in Penarth on Sunday, November 6, to discuss the third volume of his memoirs with local MP Stephen Doughty at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, beginning 2.30pm.

In the first volume, *This Boy*, Johnson described being brought up by his sister in the

slums of London's West End. Volume two, *Please Mister Postman*, covered his time as a postman and union official.

In this latest volume, *The Long and Winding Road*, Johnson moves on to his political career, which culminated in being appointed Home Secretary in 2009.

Tickets are now available from Griffin Books at £10 each, including refreshments and a discount on book purchases.

Call 02920 706455 to book.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery from 4pm-5pm tomorrow (Friday, October 14), at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street, CF62 7TZ. No appointment necessary.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, October 16 at 2pm, 'Coast, Lakes and Railway', starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

On Wednesday, October 19 at 10.15yb, Pen mwyaf deheuol Cymru (Most southerly point in Wales), Gorsaf

Reilffordd Y Rhws CF62 3HB.

Also on Wednesday, October 19 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On October 19 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cowbridge Physic Garden fountain.

On Sunday, October 23 at 2yb, Y Goeddwig Hudl (Magic Forest), maes parcio Hensol Forestry Commission (ST 031768).

Royal residence talk

A MEETING takes place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 19 at The Duke of Wellington, when Phil Bowen will talk about 'Osborne House,' Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's holiday home. *New members are always welcome.*

Bazaar BETHEL House Bazaar takes place at Hebron Hall in Dinas Powys from 2pm-3.30pm on Saturday, November 12. Admission £2.50 to include tea and cakes. Craft tables available at £5 each which can be booked before October 31. Contact Sue or Julie on 02920 513162.

Pink Floyd sound in Llantwit

FORMER Llantwit Major resident Daniel Bowles, will bring his London-based band What The Floyd? to recreate the sights and sounds of a Pink Floyd concert at Llantwit Major Rugby Club on Saturday, October 29.

The Australian guitarist's band has a reputation for authentic recreation of the Pink Floyd sound. Using high technology and a blazing light show, their current set is based on the

legendary 1994 P.U.L.S.E. tour. Daniel said: 'I've always been fascinated by Pink Floyd's music and I decided to gather together some of the best players in the business to help me bring it to life.'

'We're going to be touring a lot in 2017 and it made sense to kick things off in my home town. I can promise everyone who comes along that the club has not seen anything quite like this before!'

Tickets are £10 each, in advance from www.whatthefloyd.com and on the door (subject to availability) for £12.

OCEAN LOUNGE

PORTRKERRY ENTERTAINMENT

BINGO

★ Saturday Evenings
Every Thursday Evening
CURRY & A PINT
£5.95

★ Saturday 15th October
SANDY STEPHENS

Superb Female Vocal Entertainer

★ Saturday 22nd October
GARY WARD

Award-winning Vocal/Instrumental

SUNDAY LUNCHES
in the Ocean Bar lounge £6.95
(2 Courses £8.95)

CAR BOOT SALES

Every Sunday
Sellers 12.30pm. Buyers 1pm.

QUIZ NIGHTS

Every Friday from 7.30pm onwards

Porthkerry Leisure Park,
Rhosce CF62 3ZP
(01446) 710362/711538
Open: Friday 7pm - 12pm.
Saturday 12 noon - 4pm & 7pm - midnight.
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

YOU'RE INVITED
TO JOIN US
NOVEMBER 19th 2016

Fundraising

DINNER, DANCE & AUCTION

MARRIOTT HOTEL
MILL LANE
CARDIFF

7:00pm
£40 pp

E-mail: smetcalfe@hotmail.co.uk

HOSTED BY:
THE HOSPICE HIKERS
Sri Lanka Trek 2017

Marie Curie Cardiff & Vale Hospice

www.justgiving.com/Hospice-Hikers
07523 488128

Tickets must be bought in advance. Please purchase as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

Brexit countdown: 'Pound has rough times ahead'

THE harsh reality of Brexit has been reflected by the pound becoming the worst performing currency in 2016.

Last Friday's flash crash caused the value of the pound to plummet an astonishing 8 per cent in a mere 240 seconds.

The pound has now fallen by 14 per cent since late May and by 19 per cent since the start of the year. It is the worst-performing major currency in 2016.

After a long period of stability, the damage is done and the British economy has now slipped to sixth from fifth place in the world. That is not good news for Theresa May, as she sets out to prove that the British economy is big and vigorous enough to stand on its own two feet and does not need to be in the European single market.

How much further can the pound fall? Last

weekend, some forecasters mentioned the feared words "parity with the dollar". I think such talk is too pessimistic. The British economy, for the moment at least, is still the best performing in Europe and has so far shrugged off the threat even of a 'hard' Brexit, which is what we are now heading for.

The Bank of England's swift action to cut interest rates and supply liquidity has so far worked in keeping consumer spending up. A weak pound is good for exports and British exporters have actually been responding.

The service sector is also contributing. However, it will be a long time before the pound gets back to its pre-Brexit level, if it ever does.

It is surprising how many professional people, including bankers and economic journalists here in the UAE have been of the opinion that Britain will not go through with leaving the EU.

The fear now, as Jeremy Warner wrote in The Daily Telegraph, is that "in markets there are growing fears that the (the UK's) heart will be allowed to rule the head, leading to an irrational and economically harmful outcome".

Theresa May's message at the Conservative Party conference of a relatively harsh Brexit and first serious economic remarks have sent the wrong signals and went down badly overseas. The flash crash has shown just how dangerous that can be.

The pound has some rough times ahead before Brexit finally happens. To us British working overseas, it is to our financial advantage.

I note Liam Fox's comments last month: "We are not leaving Europe; we are re-joining the rest of the world. I am optimistic about the future. My message is simple: Britain is open for business, and will be more and more so. We now have a whole department at the heart of government whose sole task is to open markets and boost flows of trade and investment which will promote both UK and global prosperity".

The UAE has roundly disproven the doubts of those who scoffed at its vision two or three decades ago. Similarly, I hope that the United Kingdom will confound the sceptics and become the world's brightest beacon of open markets.

GARETH DAVIES,

(Formerly of the Vale, now resident in Dubai)

YMCA Barry joins mental stigma battle

A VALE of Glamorgan youth charity has thrown its support behind a major new mental health awareness campaign, as YMCA research reveals more than one in three young people with mental health difficulties experience stigma.

YMCA Barry is backing #IAMWHOLE, an anti-stigma campaign run by NHS in partnership with YMCA, on social media and through a series of mental health-themed events.

The #IAMWHOLE campaign was launched

on Monday, World Mental Health Day, by UK hip-hop artist Jordan Stephens. National research compiled by YMCA for the campaign found that, of the young people who say they experience stigma around their mental health difficulties, more than a third (37 per cent) say it happens at least once a week; and 54 per cent say it originates from their own friends.

As part of its support, YMCA Barry, which has operated in Barry since 1890, is asking residents, staff and supporters to tweet photographs of themselves using the #IAMWHOLE hashtag with the campaign circle logo painted on their hands.

Welsh business activity up following Brexit

BUSINESS activity in Wales rose at the fastest rate since June 2015 in September, following the Brexit vote.

Wales' PMI – or purchasing managers' index – registered 56.2 in September, up from 54.9 in August. A reading of above 50 signifies expansion in business activity, while a reading below signals contraction.

The increase in business activity was mainly driven by a rise in new orders. Consequently, firms continued to hire new staff, although the rate of job creation was slightly weaker than in August.

The weak pound continued to affect businesses in September, with input costs continuing to rise. As a result, companies increased their selling prices to offset higher

costs. The Lloyds Bank PMI, is the leading economic health-check of UK regions.

It is based on responses from manufacturers and services businesses about the volume of goods and services produced during September compared with a month earlier.

Allan Griffiths, regional director for SME Banking, Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking, said:

"Operating conditions in the Welsh private sector continued to improve in September following an initial moderation in the aftermath of the Brexit vote.

"While that is good news for companies across Wales, it's essential that businesses plan carefully so that they are prepared for any challenges that may occur over the coming months."


WINTER FAIR TRIP

ON November 28-29, the Royal Welsh showground hosts a Winter Fair and a coach will leave on November 28, departing from Cheapside at 9.30am and returning at 7pm after the fireworks display.

Profits will go to the Bridge Mentoring Scheme in Bridgend. Contact 07505 530567 or contact manuclahiett@aol.com.

★★★★★

'IT'S ABBA-SOLUTELY FANTASTIC!' BIRMINGHAM WHAT'S ON



BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVÆUS'

MAMMA MIA!

THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA®

www.mamma-mia.com

YMA TAN 13 TACH

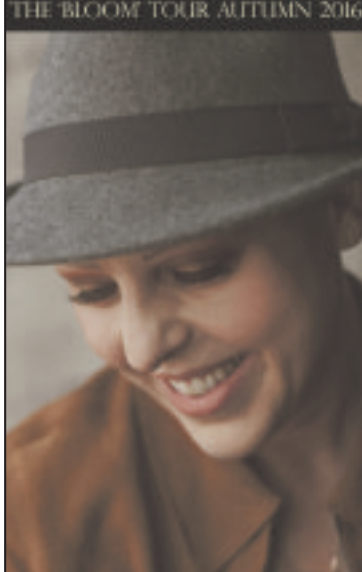
NOW ON UNTIL 13 NOV

wmc.org.uk
029 2063 6464

IN THESE HORRIBLE TIMES, WE NEED A WELSH

CANOLFAN MILLENIWM CYMRU WALES MILLENNIUM CENTRE

THE BLOOM TOUR AUTUMN 2016



NELL BRYDEN

SAT 15 OCT, 7.30PM
TICKETS £16.50

ST·DONATS

WWW.STDONATS.COM | 01446 799100
UWC ATLANTIC COLLEGE LUNEVILLE MAISON CF61 1WF

Brighten up your home with a stunning new kitchen

Our unique Kitchen Genie makeover will transform your existing kitchen by giving it a brand new facelift

★ No need to empty cupboards ★

Most Kitchens completed in a day

★ No mess, no fuss ★

★ All doors made to measure ★

Choose from Laminate,

★ Solid Wood or Painted Doors ★

★ **FREE** design service ★

★ Call for a **FREE** quotation ★

ASK ABOUT QUARTZIZE...

Why replace your worktops when this **unique quartz overlay** simply fits over your existing surface.

- Hygienic • Easy to care for
- Scratch resistant • Easily installed
- Up to 30% cheaper than granite
- Heat resistant • Timeless



quartzize
By Kitchen Genie

www.quartzize.co.uk



Dear Kitchen Genie
You and your colleagues were extremely helpful and polite throughout and nothing seemed to be too much trouble, it was obvious that you took pride in your work.
Bill and Enid


Kitchen Genie
The kitchen makeover specialists

Which? Trusted Traders
The Furniture Ombudsman
Full Member   **BRITISH MADE**

www.thekitchengenie.co.uk | **01446 688021**

CALL FREE FROM MOBILES

Lines Open: Mon-Sat 9:00am till 6:00pm | Sun 10:00am till 4:00pm | A family run business with over 30 years of expertise



COLOURS OF AUTUMN... A REMINDER OF JOBS TO DO IN THE GARDEN

NOVEMBER is all about compost and getting everything ready for winter. Leaves have finally fallen and most plants will have become dormant.

In fact, clearing leaves and cutting back dead growth is top of the agenda this month – which is great news because leaves and garden debris are perfect

ingredients for homemade compost.

While the glories of summer have long passed, there should still be lots of interest in your garden.

Look out for the bright berries of the Cotoneaster, or the colourful evergreen foliage of the various holly varieties, and, of course there is always the stunning Dogwood (Cornus).

Dogwoods are reliable and hardy shrubs that

not only provide a luscious leafy backdrop to summer flowers but have a rainbow of leaf colours through the autumn and then go on to reveal brilliant wand-like stems.

During winter, the brightly coloured stems of dogwoods catch the sunlight to create dazzling displays and although small gardens might only have space for a single plant, it can be positioned where the low winter sun will

shine through.

With vibrant stems of intense red, orange and golden yellow it's no wonder varieties have been given names such as Winter Beauty and Midwinter Fire.

In the summer, many shrubby dogwoods carry clusters of fine flowers, usually a creamy-white colour, which often lead on to form dense heads of white berries in autumn.

Dogwoods grow well in almost any soil and are best in a sunny position.

As the first winter frosts arrive, there are still a few jobs to be done before bedding the garden down for winter – as the gardening experts explain.

Winter is on its way. Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase.

Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains.

Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ with gardening fleece. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep

supplies well topped up.

The garden begins to wind down in November, but there are still gardening jobs to do this month to prepare for winter.

Now is the time to move any tender plants into the greenhouse, conservatory or porch to shelter them as frosts can cause serious

damage to plants.

RHS You should also protect any delicate or exotic plants from winter weather with straw and hessian on the crown and around the trunk.

Bulbs need to be in the ground over winter to flower in spring. Plant spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils now along

with other spring-flowering plants like pansies and wallflowers.

Another important winter gardening job is to stake tall plants, climbers and young trees. The stakes should be sturdy enough to withstand strong winds.

David Domoney, TV gardener and presenter Plant tulip bulbs in pots

and borders and cover them with at least twice their depth of soil or compost.

Take hardwood cuttings from healthy fruit bushes, including currants, blueberries and gooseberries and prune autumn-fruiting raspberries to the ground after harvesting.

Atlantic secure self storage: PAY AS YOU STAY, WITH FIRST MONTH HALF PRICE

ATLANTIC STORAGE is one of the leading experts in state-of-the-art facilities, offering storage units constructed to the highest of standards.

All units are clean, tidy and built to very high standards.

All the external containers are watertight and easily accessible

A spokesman explained: "We pride ourselves on being the best when it comes to security, with over 70 CCTV cameras with face recognition technology, which cover the whole site, operated both internally and externally with monitored alarms.

"We are operational seven days a week, with staff on hand to help with loading and unloading.

"If we do not have the size unit you are looking for, then we can build one and you only pay for the days you are in storage – no hidden costs or get-out fees.

"Whether you are a business or you want to store household goods, look no further. For more information, go to our website:

www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk.

"We are happy to be associated with Bennetts Removals for all your moving requirements. You may contact them through ourselves or their website, www.bennettsremovals-glamorgan.co.uk."



7 Day Access • Personal • Business • Pick up

Over 60 CCTV cameras cover the whole site operated both internally and externally & monitored alarms offer added security for everyone.

New units ranging from 30 to 200sq ft and storage containers of various sizes

Only pay for the days you need

• No exit fees • No hidden costs



Long or short term flexibility available

'Been there for 6 months, no problems whatsoever. Clean, dust free and staff very helpful.'

Mr E (Satisfied Customer)

'I found the company and facilities excellent. Well priced, clean and no problems with loading & unloading - very easy.'

Jason (Satisfied Customer)

First Month 1/2 Price
Manned 7 days a week

01446 677648/07813 134123

Atlantic House, Unit 8, Atlantic Trading Estate, Vale of Glamorgan, Barry CF63 3RF

www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk

E: info@atlanticselfstorage.co.uk

MasMor construction & maintenance services



PROFESSIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENTS
ONE CALL, WE DO IT ALL

TEL: 01446 739936/07850 641250

Email: info@masmor.co.uk

- CARPENTRY /Doors, Windows.
- ROOFING/ Guttering, Fascia, Flashing, Slates & Tiles
- TILING/Wall, Floors
- PLUMBING/ Bathrooms & Kitchens (inc Installation)
- ELECTRICAL • PLASTERING/DRYLINING
- PAINTING/DECORATING, Internal & External
- DECKS/FENCES • CONCRETE/PATIO
- RUBBISH/WASTE REMOVALS

Free Estimate, Satisfaction Guaranteed, Highest Quality Craftsmanship

GETTING SPICK AND SPAN WITH TWENTY 12 FLOORING!

WITH Christmas fast approaching, it's time to get the house spick and span, so why not

take advantage of one of Twenty 12 Flooring's fantastic offers?

A 42oz wool twist at £12.99m² is one not to be missed or a deep pile luxury saxony at only

£7.99m²

Twenty 12 Flooring offer a free measuring service, samples brought to you in the comfort of your home, and professional advice on the correct flooring

for your home whether it be carpet, laminate, vinyl, wood or a design floor. They have a wide selection of quality products, at very competitive prices to suit everyone's budget. Twenty 12 Flooring also know, through experience serving the Vale and beyond for the past seven years, that changing your floor can be a big upheaval. Well, this is where they come in.

Twenty 12 Flooring provide a full service from measuring, selection, moving the furniture, uplifting and removing the old flooring, installing a new floor and putting the furniture back.

You can find Twenty 12 Flooring on Facebook and Twitter and keep up to date with offers and completed works which also show the high quality installation service provided

So why wait? For the floor in your home, pick up the phone 0800 610 2012 or 07403 310 516.

twenty 12
flooring.com

SPECIAL OFFERS AVAILABLE NOW

80% WOOL TWIST



• 80% 40oz British Wool Twist
• RRP: £35.99

OUR PRICE £12.99m²

Stainsafe Saxony

- Silver Grey
- 100% Polypropylene
- Bleach Cleanable
- Premium Felt Backing
- 7 Year Warranty

RRP £15.99m²
OUR PRICE £7.99m²

Stripe Saxony

- 100% Polypropylene
- Bleach Cleanable
- Premium Felt Backing
- 7 Year Warranty

OUR PRICE £9.99m²

We uplift & remove old flooring & move the furniture. Also suppliers of Laminates, Vinyl & Wood.

CALL US NOW FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

0800 610 2012 Mobile 07403 310 516

Email: info@twenty12flooring.com www.twenty12flooring.com

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

Up to 50% OFF SALE

PAY NOTHING
AT ALL FOR 12
MONTHS AFTER
INSTALLATION.

**AT MPN WINDOWS YOU CAN
EXPECT QUALITY AND THE
FOLLOWING AS STANDARD:**

THE WORLD FAMOUS VEKA SUPER EFFICIENT A RATED
WINDOWS & DOORS THAT SAVES YOU MONEY ON YOUR FUEL
BILLS WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE.



**BACK DOORS FROM £599
FULLY FITTED
DREAM FRONT DOORS
£650 FULLY FITTED**

**OUR TOP QUALITY SOLIDOR DOORS ARE
PROBABLY THE BEST COMPOSITE DOORS IN WALES.
WHY IT'S THE BEST COMPOSITE DOOR ON THE MARKET?**

- The only hardwood core composite door on the market
- 48mm solid timber core
- High security - the largest Deadbolt in the UK
- Almost 10% thicker than most composite doors
- Wide range of style and frame colours
- Choose from over 10,400 colour options
- Energy efficient Double and triple glazed units
- 12 year manufacturing guarantee



**12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR**

Number of windows	Cost
4 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £1546
5 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £2032
6 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £2519
7 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £3005
8 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £3492
9 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC <i>BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR</i>	From £3978

**12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR**

Conservatory	Cost
3M X 3M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS	From £9,495
3.5M X 3.5M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS	From £10,990
4M X 4M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS	From £11,990

**FREE VERTICAL BLINDS OR A
FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION**

**12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR**

Door	Price
SOLIDOR COMPOSITE DOOR FULLY FITTED	From £845.00
PATIO DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £895.00
YALE UPVC BACK DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £599.00
FRENCH DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £875.00
YALE UPVC FRONT DOORS FITTED	From £650.00

OPEN 9AM TO 9PM • 7 DAYS A WEEK



**CARDIFF 02920 508770
BRIDGEND 01656 648464
BARRY 01446 439212**

www.mpnwindows.com

Email: sales@mpnwindows.com

**WE SUPPLY ALL TYPES OF UPVC WINDOWS DOORS AND CONSERVATORIES
AWARDED BEST DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY IN WALES BY NETWORK VEKA**

www.mpnwindows.com *All special offers terms and conditions apply*



WALES No1 DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY



FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

THESE CREEPY CLOWNS ARE NOT SO FUNNY

by Andy Johnstone

When America sneezes, Britain catches a cold.

The latest craze to descend on UK shores from across the pond is the 'creepy-clown' phenomenon, where someone affects the guise and make-up of the famous style of circus performer, but with a sinister motive.

Creepy clowns lurk in public places or leap out at people, sometimes children, or the elderly, causing distress and distrust of the generally benign style of entertainer.

A spokesperson for South Wales Police is reminding people that dressing up as clowns, or in costumes, to frighten others intentionally, will have consequences.

The spokesperson added: "I can confirm that, force-wide, we have received approximately 30 calls relating to clown incidents over the weekend."

The spokesperson said that there were no specific figures for Bridgend or the Vale, but reports have reached The GEM of creepy-clown incidents in Llantwit



A creepy clown

Major, St Athan and concern and worry, Brackla.

The spokesperson particularly to young children and the elderly, said: "We would like to remind people that this committing an offence."

behaviour can cause

Craft makers' display
COWBRIDGE U3A craft makers are presenting work done since their launch three years ago, in the display cabinet at the entrance to Cowbridge Library.

It includes paper craft, jewellery making, dry and wet felting and "individual pictures depicting something about ourselves".

For further information yoga-pauline@tiscali.co.uk.

Christmas fair
BRYNHILL Golf Club Christmas fayre takes place on Tuesday, November 1 from 6pm-9pm; £1 entry. Refreshments available.

Please note Brynhill Golf Club's AGM takes place on November 22 at 7pm.

Friends Against Scams are out to foil the fraudsters

FOLLOWING recent revelations that a Porthcawl resident came close to being scammed out of a large sum of money by a convincing phone scam, Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) is supporting the Friends Against Scams initiative in order to raise awareness of the financial and emotional impact of mass marketing scams.

Shared Regulatory Services is a partnership between Bridgend, Cardiff, and the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and has taken steps to support residents at risk of being scammed.

A spokesman said: "This move comes after a woman from Porthcawl received a telephone call from someone claiming to be from Talk Talk. She granted the caller remote access to her computer after being told there had been unusual activity on her modem.

"The caller said someone had tried to hack into it, and so the modem would need to be changed. The fraudster eventually offered £200 as an apology for the problem.

"The caller then asked the resident to log into her bank account, where she would see that £3,200 had mistakenly been put into her account. The caller claimed to have made a terrible mistake and convinced the resident to send a cheque for £3,000.

"Her suspicions became aroused, however, when the caller asked the resident to go to the post office and send a money order, in dollars, to Georgia.

"She went to her bank's local branch, where they confirmed that no such refund had gone into her account.

"As a result, the resident has since refused calls from the caller, who she had thought was representing Talk Talk, and has taken other sensible steps:

getting the bank to monitor her account; adding anonymous call barring to her telephone; having her computer checked over to confirm there is no malware on it."

Friends Against Scams aims to protect people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to 'take a stand against scams'.

For more information, visit: <http://www.friendsagainscams.org.uk>

Dads bare their feelings for Ty Hafan hospice calendar



Dads Brad Watson, Gary Footman, Lee Morgan and Ben Jones.

BRAVE Tŷ Hafan
dads have stripped off for a nude calendar – to raise funds and awareness for the Vale-based charity that cares for their family and supports them through their darkest times.

As well as raising a few smiles, the calendar – launched at the Tramshed in Cardiff last Thursday – holds a deeper meaning for all the dads involved, who revealed the reality of raising a child with a life-limiting condition and how they cope when

their child sadly dies.

Gareth Jenkins, Tŷ Hafan male support worker, has led the project alongside photographer, Paul Fears, who is also a Tŷ Hafan dad:

"Dads are often expected to remain strong for the rest of the family, but this calendar shows that behind their

tough exterior, they feel vulnerable, too," said Gareth.

"We hope the public not only have smiles on their faces when looking at our pictures, but also a better understanding of what life can be like for our dads and why it's vital that they don't face their struggles alone."

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 13, the Cowbridge Art Society will have a demonstration of creating a portrait in charcoal by art tutor Sheila Bryant.

On October 20, Pembrokeshire artist Graham Hadlow will give a demonstration of painting a landscape in watercolour.

The society meets on Thursdays (7pm-9pm) at the Old Hall, Cowbridge. Visitors and new members most welcome; see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Sunday Lunch autumn offer

at Copthorne Hotel Cardiff



We are re-launching our Sunday Lunch Menu and offering a generous **20% off the total bill** including food & drink.

Enjoy a delicious traditional Sunday roast, four star surroundings & service and stunning views over our private lake. Due to demand we have extended our offer **until 30th October 2016.**



COPTHORNE
HOTEL
CARDIFF & GARDEN



Whether you start with a drink by the fire in the Burges Lounge or head straight into the Raglan Restaurant, The Copthorne Hotel is the perfect place to relax with friends and family and soak up the Sunday atmosphere. Demand is expected to be high so please call 02920 599100 to book your table to avoid disappointment.

£12.95
for 2 courses
£15.95
for 3 courses
Children under 12
£5.95
(Terms & conditions apply)

AUTUMN SAVERS AT



STAIRLIFTS

NEW STRAIGHT

NOW FROM ONLY **£1195***

NEW CURVED

FROM ONLY **£2995**

RECONDITIONED-STRAIGHT

FROM ONLY **£495**

INCLUDES FITTING AND WARRANTY

**FREEPHONE
0800 999 2259**

**WE BUY BACK
STAIRLIFTS AND
GIVE UPTO £200**

**THREE LUCKY CUSTOMERS
WILL WIN BACK THE PRICE
OF THEIR STAIRLIFT**

YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED
INTO A DRAW IF YOU PURCHASE BETWEEN
25TH SEPTEMBER AND 23RD DECEMBER.
DRAW DATE 31ST DECEMBER 2016



FINANCE OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE - CONTACT STORE FOR MORE DETAILS

LUXURY **Cheshire** Riser Recliner Chair

- Tilt-in space Riser Recliner
- Available in 4 sizes: Petite, Small, Medium and Large
- Selection of colours and patterns available
- Cushion not included

REDUCED £895* **SAVE £100** (on Previous Price)

Made in GB

X Fold Rollator

- Lightweight and folds in two directions
- Height adjustable from 32 inches to 37 inches

REDUCED £99* **SAVE £20** (on Previous Price)

I-Lite Wheelchair

- Seat Width: 17"
- Solid Tyres
- Max User Weight: 18 stone
- Easy to fold down

REDUCED £116.10* **SAVE £12.90** (on Previous Price)

Sapphire 2

- Maximum Range: 18.6 miles
- Maximum Speed: 4mph
- Maximum User Weight: 23.5 stone

ONLY £945 **SAVE £1454** (on MSRP)

Bellavita Bathlift

- 3 recline positions
- Fits to the base of the bath, easily removable
- Comfort covers are machine washable

ONLY £199* **SAVE £300** (on MSRP)

Hartford Adjustable Bed

- Memory Foam Mattress
- 5 part adjustable frame
- Ideal for those who prefer a softer mattress

REDUCED £479* **SAVE £20** (on Previous Price)

*Excluding Headboard

Made in GB

BRIDGEND ABLEWORLD

Bridgend Shopping Centre, Brackla Street, Bridgend, Wales, CF31 1DD

Tel: (01656) 856696

info@ableworldbridgend.co.uk

Opposite Wilko's

Further details on all our stores can be found on: www.ableworld.co.uk

CARDIFF ABLEWORLD

Penarth Road Retail Park
Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8EF

Tel: (02921) 321072

info@ableworldcardiff.co.uk

Next to the Bath Store

facebook.com/ableworld twitter.com/ableworldUK
www.ableworld.co.uk

Ableworld are the main mobility retailer in the area
approved as a Community Equipment Dispenser



NHS Voucher Scheme *VAT Exempt - Ask in Store for Details
MSRP - Manufacturers Recommended Price.
Previous Price - Sold for 28 Days in Last 6 months
at our Neath Port Talbot Store

*Ableworld are an Approved Representative of Fish Insurance,
who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

Nigel Owens recalls the dark days as he supports Samaritans

SAMARITANS Cymru launched their 2015/16 'Impact Report' for World Mental Health Day on Monday, October 10, with the support of respected Welsh international rugby referee, Nigel Owens MBE.

The report demonstrates how Samaritans Cymru helps people who are struggling to cope in Wales, from reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to their partnerships with prisons, schools, hospitals and rail staff.

This is alongside their ongoing engagement with Welsh Government and the National Assembly to influence policy and legislation surrounding suicide prevention in Wales.

Health Secretary Vaughan Gething AM, said: "I'd like to thank Samaritans for their excellent and long-standing work, particularly around suicide prevention."

"We take the issue of mental health and well-being extremely seriously. Our strategy, 'Together for Mental Health', is designed to improve the mental well-being of all people in



NIGEL OWENS.

Wales. We want to ensure anyone who needs to access high quality, mental health services can do so and that they are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve."

Samaritans Cymru are emphasising the importance of men talking about their emotional and mental health with the latest ONS statistics which reveal 81 per cent of all suicides in Wales in 2014 were men.

Nigel Owens said: "I'm proud to be supporting the Samaritans Cymru 2015/16 Impact Report."

"With suicide rates for men being the highest since 1981 in Wales, I am right behind their aim of emphasising the importance of men

talking about their emotional and mental health.

"In the past, when I was suffering with mental health issues surrounding my dealing with my sexuality, I wish I had been more aware of charities like Samaritans, who are always there to help."

"If I had, perhaps I wouldn't have ended up in such a dark place and so close to losing my life."

In Wales, Samaritans has nine branches which manage their emotional support service. The demand for the service is ever increasing – in 2015, it took a call every three minutes in Wales and received 175,767 calls for help.

Sarah Stone, executive director for Samaritans in Wales, said: "Suicide is now the single biggest killer of men aged under 45 in the UK."

"We need to get better at tackling the social issues men in Wales face."

"We need to open up a dialogue in which men feel more able to talk about mental health and suicidal feelings – and we especially need to target men in mid-life, living in situations of deprivation."

PUPILS ARE MAKING A MINT!

CHILDREN from Llanrcarfan Primary School discovered how to spot fake coins during an exciting day out to the Royal Mint Experience in Llantrisant.

They weighed, measured and examined, deciding whether the coins were the genuine article or cunning forgeries.

After the workshop, the children looked around the Mint and its museum, with each minting their own individual 2016 one pound coin.

This was especially exciting, as with the advent of the new 12-sided pound coin next year, the mint will not be putting 2016 coins into circulation.

Thanks to all at the Mint for a fab day out and for Edwards coaches for getting us there.

Rob Bilney



Llanrcarfan pupils – coining it in at Llantrisant!

Local companies show Aerospace expertise

SIX Welsh companies, including St Athan Aerospace Business Park and Spectrum Technologies, Bridgend, will be showcasing the best that the Welsh aerospace industry has to offer at MRO Europe – the largest event of its kind outside north America.

Some 20 per cent of the UK's

maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business is placed in Wales. MRO Europe, which this year takes place at RAI Amsterdam from October 18-20, is the annual highlight for the commercial air transport MRO industry and is seen as the place to forge new partnerships.

As a direct result of participating in the event in 2015, Welsh businesses scooped a collective £2.8 million of deals.

Attended by the likes of Airbus, Boeing, BA and Bombardier, last year, the trade conference received over 6,400 visitors to the event – the largest in its history.

For the fifth consecutive year, leading names from the Welsh aerospace industry will come together on the Welsh Government stand to promote their expertise and services and highlight that Wales is a great place to do business.

0% INTEREST FREE

SHOP SMART TO FUTURE-PROOF YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT

A

Autumn is here, but Winter will soon be upon us and with fuel bills on an ever upward trajectory it's an ideal time to consider your home's energy efficiency.

When looking at replacement windows and doors, as tempting as it is to focus on the aesthetic design, technology is vitally important.

Up to 30 per cent of your home's heat loss can be through the windows, so style must be backed up with substance. To shop smart, it's important to get to grips with Window Energy Ratings (WER).

Similar to the ratings found on home appliances, WER ranges from A (meaning most energy efficient) down to G. UK building regulations stipulate a 'C' rating as the standard window rating expected in modern homes.

With windows and doors, as in many areas of life, technology moves on quickly. Just five years ago doors and windows were installed that today would not achieve a C rating. In fact, a window or door installed five years ago could be around 30 per cent less efficient than one installed today.

Opting for A rated windows will minimise your carbon footprint and reduce your energy bills meaning a better return on your home improvement investment. And for the ultimate future proofing, the Ambient Windows can achieve an A+ rating.

The benefits of energy-efficient windows

- Smaller energy bills.
- A smaller carbon footprint.
- A more comfortable home: Energy-efficient glazing reduces heat loss through windows and means fewer draughts and cold spots.
- Peace and quiet: As well as keeping the heat in, energy efficient windows insulate your home against outside noise.
- Reduced condensation: Energy-efficient glazing reduces condensation build-up on the inside of windows.

Conservatories, Orangeries & Sun rooms as well as Windows & Doors in PVCu, Aluminium & Timber

- ▶ 5.9% APR or BUY NOW PAY 2017
- ▶ 2 Years Interest Free Credit
- ▶ FREE Planning Service
- ▶ FREE A-Rated glass upgrade
- ▶ No telesales or commission only salesmen
- ▶ FREE quotation and 3D imaging service
- ▶ 10 year insurance warranty

OPEN 7 DAYS

FREEPHONE 0500 21 22 24

www.securahome.co.uk

SHOWCENTRE AT: Securahome PVCu Ltd, Garmach Ind Est, Gorseinon, Swansea SA4 9WN

2000 sq ft Showroom Open Seven days a week

securahome
improving homes since 1994

Redundancy fears at British Airways, Rhoose

AS The GEM was going to press, an unconfirmed report said that staff at British Airways Maintenance Cardiff Ltd (BAMC), based at Cardiff Airport, may be planning 66 redundancies at the engineering base in Rhoose.

The caller, who did not wish to be identified, said that the announcement was made to one shift last night, with further meetings scheduled for Wednesday, October 12.

Full details are sketchy, but various sources expressed concern that staff were, he said, being made redundant whilst new

contractors were being taken on, including for a retrofit of British Airways' Boeing 747s with wi-fi.

The GEM asked BA for comment, and a spokesperson replied: "We are consulting with our colleagues and union at BAMC about restructuring proposals to ensure we continue to deliver a sustainable and competitive service."

"While the consultation continues we are not able to discuss further details."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I have requested a meeting with BA to seek reassurances for the long-term future of the site in light of the planned staff reduction. I will also be pressing BA to provide

more detail regarding their decision to make technicians redundant.

"The aircraft maintenance skills that exist here in the Vale are second to none. My priority will be to ensure that the next generation of aircraft are maintained here in the Vale following the retirement of older planes from service."

The GEM will report further next week.

Are you affected by these proposed redundancies? If so, please contact this newspaper at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk including your name, address and telephone number.

ANDY JOHNSTONE

BARRY MEN'S FORUM ARE TOLD ALL ABOUT UFOS...

MIKE CHEESEMAN gave a thought provoking talk with numerous photographs and film of Unidentified Flying Objects, the definition of which

is 'A mysterious object seen in the sky for which it is claimed no orthodox scientific explanation can be found', often supposed to be a vehicle carrying extra-terrestrial

beings.

These sightings are not just recent – there are records of them going back to the Egyptians, 3000 years ago, referred to in carvings and papayas writings.

The famous astrologer, Edmund Haley, first recorded 'Halley's Comet', also recorded in 1556 a UFO.

Mike said in the last

two years there have been 720 unexplained UFOs, and many more that have been explained as lights, clouds, aircraft and numerous hoaxes, but even so this left a large number of unexplained sightings, which left him convinced that some may be really from outer space.

There are also thousands of alleged abductions, with some people being taken for short periods and others for weeks, and when they have been returned many of them have high levels of radiation.

Also others claim of seeing 'aliens', evidence is very slim to be able to prove.

The members agreed that although there were many unexplained claims, most were

sceptical of their veracity.

At the next meeting on October 20, Mr Nick John Rees – will be talking about marine art.

The Barry Men's Forum meet at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, every Thursday morning starts at 10.15am and finishes by noon. New members are welcome, and charge is £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments.

For further information, contact the secretary on 01446 741498, or email philipwalters3434@gmail.com. PMW

Learn CPR and save a life

READERS will recall the quick reactions of Llantwit Major's Tom Wood (The GEM September 29), who performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a gentleman in Galton's barber in the town.

Aged just 14, Tom, whom learnt his CPR skills in the Air Cadets, kept the man alive until the professionals arrived.

Tom learnt young, and Welsh Hearts/Calonnau Cymru – the heart charity for Wales – will run a drop-in session on CPR training at the National Assembly this Monday, October 17, from 10.30 to 4pm for anyone aged 10 or over. Youngsters should attend with parents or guardians, or their teachers.

Those attending can learn basic life-saving skills including how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator, so that, if the time comes, a life can be saved.

All people attending and completing the training will receive a certificate, and light liquid refreshments are available.

For more information and to book a place go to www.welshhearts.org.uk raining or call 02920 647735.

Veterans' centre that will honour Barry Marine 'Woody' is nearing completion

As if to emphasise the need for a veterans' centre, and for improved communication to former HM Armed Forces personnel, news reaches The GEM of just such a project in the Vale.

Readers will recall a piece in the edition of September 22 featuring Robert Adams, a Barry resident and veteran, and his call for a veterans' centre.

Dr David Trotman, chairman of Woody's Lodge Management Board (WLMB), contacted The GEM about work to establish a centre for veterans at RNR HMS Cambria.

WLMB comprises six veterans and one civilian, and since last year, has been working to open the centre, which is named after and commemorates the life of local Royal Marine, Paul 'Woody' Woodland.

Woody, a member of the Special Boat Service, died in October

2012 during a training exercise whilst preparing for deployment to Afghanistan.

Dr Trotman said: "Initial analysis shows that there are more than 5,000 veterans residing in Barry alone with over 60 per cent of these residents, now over the age of 65 years, many of whom are possibly facing welfare, health and social problems."

"Woody's Lodge will be there to offer companionship and direct signposting to agencies and organisations that offer required skilled support. The concept for the project has come from the hangar floor, engine room, and the sentry box, in that it is based on the needs, experiences and wishes of veterans currently living within the Vale."

Woody's Lodge will provide support for veterans in three main areas:

a safe, quiet, secure and happy environment for veterans to meet, share experiences and

by Andy Johnstone



The late Paul 'Woody' Woodland, a Royal Marine, after whom the veterans' drop-in centre is named.

build friendships, "to pull up a sandbag have a brew".

Woody's Lodge will also provide the space for activities such as art, music and gardening, if veterans so wish to join, to which they will be welcomed free of charge.

Woody's Lodge will provide office accommodation and private spaces, free of charge, to veteran support agencies. Some 22 organisations, including NHS services, have expressed an interest in being based at Woody's Lodge and have a fixed foothold within the locality.

Woody's Lodge also provides the agencies working there to talk and liaise with each other in order to work more closely together and provide 'joined up' support for veterans.

Dr Trotman said: "The WLMB wishes to express its indebtedness to the Royal Navy staff

and Command at RNR HMS Cambria, as well the Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association, Wales, in allowing access to former naval-rating housing at the station, and allowing the group to undertake the required refurbishment of the building and getting it up to a serviceable standard."

The building will include a suite of four office spaces for staff, volunteers and agency workers to meet with veterans, and on the ground-floor, a kitchen, loos and a large social space – former living rooms – for people to meet and chat.

Woody's Lodge will be open for veterans between 10am and 2pm Monday to Thursday for 48 weeks a year.

Dr Trotman added that, with help of veterans from the Royal Corps of Signals, WLMB has been able to establish disabled access to and from Woody's Lodge.

WLMB is looking at the issue of transport, such as a pick-up service around Barry for those who have difficulty in getting around.

There is also the potential to run a shuttle service to and from Cadoxton Station, for veterans who wish to travel from Cardiff, the Valleys and Bridgend.

The WLMB and project has gained support from the Vale Council-led Armed Forces' Covenant Group, and further information will be released as developments occur.

'Lavernock could join Penarth' SAYS COUNCILLOR

A PROPOSAL that Lavernock become a part of Penarth, has been mooted by a long standing Penarth councillor, who sees several benefits for residents if they came into the town.

Coun Ernest, who has been a town councillor for many years, and is a former Penarth Mayor and past chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said this week that Lavernock Park, (or Cosmeston as some prefer to name it), had gained nothing from being "lumped in" with Sully, and that most residents saw their future within Penarth, not least with schools and shopping.

Coun Ernest, who represents the adjoining Plymouth Ward of Penarth continued: "Having represented Lavernock in the past for a number of years, I was acutely conscious that residents in the large and very popular estate contributed heavily to the precept of Sully Council, yet never had anything in return for their council tax levies."

"Unfortunately the

powers of smaller councils are relatively limited and that may be why no facilities were ever provided in this well-liked residential area with over 1,000 residents.

"Even today, some five years later, Lavernock is no better off under Sully than some much smaller villages in the rural Vale."

"I am very conscious also that the local councillors for that area try hard to be effective, but they suffer from a lack of funding and political representation at higher levels, and that does not help them one bit", the councillor continued.

"If Lavernock Park (and only Lavernock Park) were to come into Penarth, residents would undoubtedly benefit from improved representation and investment from a much better resourced local council, and they may well want to consider this at a time when they are threatened by yet more housing developments, that threaten to obliterate the boundaries between Penarth and Sully with nothing to show in return," he concluded.

PACT meetings

BARUC PACT on Thursday, October 20 at 7pm in St Baruchs Church Hall, Phyllis Street Barry Island.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road, Barry, on October 27 at 6.30pm.

CADOC – meet your local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, between 11am and 1pm.

RHOOSE Coffee and Chat at the Six Bells, Penmark, on October 25 at 11am.

Registered Clinical Dental Technicians

Express Denture Clinic

Denture Experts

Implant Retained Dentures
New Dentures - 5 day Service Available
Free Initial Consultation and Advice

Emergency Denture Repairs
in 1 Hour
New Flexible Dentures and
Chrome Plates
Home Visits Available

Eat, Smile & Talk
with confidence

Telephone - Cardiff: 029 20623222

Talbot Green: 01443 222509

Andrews Denture Clinic, 89 Whitlurch Road, Cardiff, CF14 3JP
Threeways Dental Laboratory, Talbot Square, Talbot Green, CF72 8AB

The First Step to a Better Smile

APRIL COMPLETE CARE SOLUTIONS

IS CELEBRATING IT'S 20th ANNIVERSARY!

Please come and join us at our
Grand Prize Draw evening at:
Tondy Cricket Club, 29 October 2016, 7pm.

Children welcome.
Buffet - DJ - Guest Speaker
Mayor of Pencoed

Fabulous prizes all donated by Pencoed businesses
include golf session, fine wines, cash and vouchers to
raise funds for a community defibrillator.

CALL 01656 863963
TO RESERVE FREE TICKETS

Or call into our office at 14 Hendre Rd.

Pencoed, CF35 5NW (opposite Britannia Pub).

Entry strictly by ticket only.



Christmas Party Guide



Variety is the spice of Christmas with a huge choice of places to enjoy your party!

The most wonderful time of the year – Christmas – is approaching once more, and that means the office party season.

While the office, club or society party can be the highlight of the year – it can also be a disaster unless it is held at the right venue with good food.

Well in the Vale and Bridgend there are no excuses. The choice of venues, restaurants, pubs and hotels is hugely varied, and they can cater for Christmas parties to suit groups of varying sizes.

There are lots of places which offer traditional fare – turkey and Christmas pudding – which remain as popular as ever.

But for those looking for something a bit more daring and exotic, many venues now offer a new twist on the basic menu with other options designed

to satisfy the more demanding palate.

But whichever meal you prefer, the important thing is that top quality foodstuffs are used and that they are properly cooked and beautifully presented.

The ambience at Christmas events is also crucial – roaring log fires and crackers may be a bit of a cliché – but it's what most people expect.

Many hotels and restaurants spend a lot of money on really top class decorations which are a world away from the tinsel and tack of yesteryear.

A room beautifully decorated in swags of greenery, coloured berries and subtly lit with candlelight is probably the finest setting for celebrating the most important event in the calendar.

It is worth asking whether your venue is making efforts to create a good Christmas atmosphere with decorations and festive hits.

So, with good food, fine wines and the right setting, the only other ingredient necessary for a great night

out is the company.

It's a great opportunity to relax with colleagues you work with for 12 months of the year and don't get a proper chance to discuss things other than work-related topics.

Lots of Christmas get-togethers are staged by organisations – ranging from choirs, art societies, WIs, charity fundraisers and sporting groups – in fact any organisation which brings people together.

Most organise a Christmas event which gives members, who perhaps only see each other once a week, a chance to enjoy each other's company in more relaxing circumstances.

Yes, there's plenty to be said for the Christmas party. Just make sure you ensure that yours is as good as it can be by hiring the right venue for you and your group – whether it be a cosy country inn or a grand hotel where everyone can really dress up.

The choice is yours – and it's a wide one.

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR FIRST CHOICE VENUE

TIME is running out to book the first choice venue for the office Christmas party.

Hotels and restaurants in the Vale and Bridgend have got a good reputation for providing not only good festive meals, but entertainment as well.

So it is time to make a decision. It is best for someone to volunteer to organise things, and consult with colleagues on what would make a really great night out.

What sort of party do your staff fancy? A sit down meal, so that working colleagues can enjoy a relaxing evening? Or perhaps the people at your work place want the excitement of a disco or a themed evening

like an 80s night?

Ladies are often keen to have a dance – some of the chaps less so, and need a little encouragement for their annual spin on the dance floor.

Some venues do party evenings that

cater for lots of companies on the same night.

Once you've made your decision, it's time to lift the phone and make that all important booking – now, before you miss out!

TURKISH & GREEK RESTAURANT
Hospitality is our custom
Please call for a menu!

IZMIR

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKINGS
Now being taken

The alternative Christmas meal with belly dancing entertainment for larger parties

01446 700 050
19 BROAD STREET, BARRY CF62 7AB
Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday (Monday Closed)
LUNCH 12pm-2.30pm. EVENING 5.30pm-Late.
SUNDAY 12.30pm-9pm.
www.izmirrestaurant.com

Three Horseshoes Country Inn

★★★★ Accommodation
Function Facilities
Indoor/Outdoor Play Areas
Event Catering
and Bar Hire

Festive Menu
Groups Welcome

TO START
Available throughout December
Fresh Soup of the Day & Fresh Bread
Fresh Breaded Deep Fried Brie & Rhubarb Compote
Mushroom & Stilton Cheese on Toasted Ciabatta
Brussels Pate Salad Chutney & Toasted Ciabatta
Icelandic Prawn & Cray Fish Cocktail in a Marie Rose Sauce
Deep Fried Whitebait Salad & Homemade Tartare Sauce

MAIN COURSE
★ Roast Glamorgan Turkey & Stuffing
★ Roast Sirloin of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
★ Breast of Free Range Chicken in a Blue Cheese & White Wine Sauce
★ Vegetable Tortellini with Wild Rocket & Permigano Cheese
★ Pan Fried Fillet of Salmon on Sautéed Potatoes Chorizo
★ Samphire
★ Prime 10-12oz Local Ribeye Steak Cooked to your Liking
£5.00 Extra

DESSERT
★ Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce
★ Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Black Forrest Gateau
★ Vanilla Cheesecake, Champagne Torte
★ Coffee

2 Courses £15.99 | 3 Courses £19.99

BonfireNight!
Friday 4th November
Tickets now on sale!

Moulton, Nr Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3AB.
Telephone 01446 710428
Twitter.com/3horseshoesvlog • Facebook.com/3horseshoesmoulton
www.3horseshoespub.com

Festive LUNCHTIME OFFER
STARTER
Homemade soup with freshly baked bread.
Garlic mushrooms.
Egg Mayonnaise.
MAIN COURSE
Glamorgan Roast Turkey.
Homemade Chicken
Ham Pie with Gravy.
Scottish Wholetail
Scampi.
Roasted Nut Loaf.
Baked Ham, Egg & Chips
All served with season veg
Coffee & Mince pie
£9.99
Monday till Friday

Christmas PARTY NIGHTS
Saturday 10th & Saturday 17th December
MEALS (2 COURSE)
ENTERTAINMENT
& TRANSPORT (BARRY & RHOOSE)
Based on our famous New Years Eve!
£25 Per Perso
Other locations subject to additional charge. £10 deposit required at time of booking

We have launched our New Autumn Menu!

FINNEGANS Barry Island

CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU
CHRISTMAS CABARET NIGHTS

STARTERS
Homemade winter vegetable soup with crusty bread
Homemade chicken liver & brandy pate with Melba toast
Prawn salad with spiced Marie Rose sauce and brown bread

MAIN COURSE
Turkey breast or Roast Beef
Served with roast winter vegetables, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding
pigs in blankets & resting juice gravy
Baked cod with a lemon & dill sauce, new potatoes, winter vegetables
Mushroom Stroganoff with saffron rice (v)

DESSERTS
Christmas pudding with homemade brandy sauce
Homemade sherry trifle with Chantilly cream

3 COURSE £14.95

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9th
OLLY MURS Tribute Show
"Both Back Due To Popular Demand"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17th
SIMPLY RED Tribute Show
Featuring "RED MICK"

Finnegans Inn, 5-8 Station Approach Road, Barry Island. Enquiries Call 01446 749355
Entrance is free but subject to our discretion and pub watch scheme etc. Follow Us On Facebook

Carer is in line for Nurse of the Year award

A BRIDGEND-based care home manager is in the running for a major award.

Angela Rees spent many years working as a qualified mental health nurse before moving into home management. She now works for Integra Community Living Options, who have a number of care homes across south Wales for adults aged over 18.

Angela is in charge of Integra's Ty Newydd care home in Roath, Cardiff, which cares for a small number of women aged 18 to 65 with mental health issues.

Her dedicated approach to caring has earned Angela a place in the 2016 Wales Care Awards at City Hall in Cardiff on Friday, October 21. The event, organised by Care Forum Wales is known as the social care organisers and honours people who have the X-Factor in social care.

Angela, who has been shortlisted in the Nurse of the Year category of the awards sponsored by Ontex UK, is originally from Aberdare and began her training as a mental health nurse at the age of 18 at the Whitchurch Hospital in Cardiff, qualifying three years later, and has spent her entire career in either the health or social care sectors.



Treat in store for Penarth Ramblers

ON a superb sunny autumnal morning, Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to a group of 10 walkers who joined him at the Twyn in Dinas Powys, for a circular ramble to Cosmeston Country Park, and back again.

Station Road steps and a narrow walkway led them to the busy A4055 and underneath the Coffinmakers Railway Bridge, named after a coffin makers business that used to be nearby.

After crossing a stile onto Sully Road and heading south, avoiding the traffic before entering a field behind Home Farm's listed stone barn

and large dung heap, a farm track led on to a muddy gateway and downhill into Cosmeston Country Park.

After morning refreshments at the ruined medieval dovecote and turning northwards along Mile Road to reach Old Cogan Hall Farm, a treat was in store as the tiny church dedicated to St Peter, which fell into disuse during the 18th century but was lovingly restored by John, Marquis of Bute, was open.

Over the years, there have been many alterations but the small chancel is Saxon, while the chancel arch and nave and font relate to the Norman era. Within the lower part of the church walls are some fine examples of herring bone masonry and above the altar is the delightful

bronze reredos which was presented by Lord Bute and is an adaptation of the Transfiguration of Christ. However, the church is sadly infected with damp, which is creeping into the walls and floors, and the Friends of St Peter's are endeavouring to raise funds to alleviate the problems and keep this historic building alive for years to come.

Re-joining Sully Road, a narrow lane led to the road and past the old St Cyres School, now earmarked for building houses, and joining the Ash Path down to the Murch, they retraced their steps back to Dinas for refreshments at the Cross Keys Inn.

On October 15, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk taking in Castell Coch and The Wenallt; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On October 19, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 7.30am in order to catch the 9.20am bus from Chepstow to Monmouth followed by the 17-mile hard linear walk back to Chepstow; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook.

JOY STRANGWARD



Rocks, minerals and fossils in the geology room.
All photos by LIAM KENNY

Students show pupils around their school

RIGHT: It is amazing what you can find in the lab.

BARRY Comprehensive School's students and staff were delighted to welcome visitors to the school's annual year-6 open evening recently.

The year-5 and 6 students, their parents/guardians and families were treated to a range of demonstrations, experiments and workshops.

The enthusiastic future students joined in as they explored the classrooms, labs and



workshops. The visitors were able to chat to current students about their experiences at school as well as talking to teachers about the range of subjects and support on offer.

Headteacher, Gerard McNamara said: "The open evening was a great success. Following

on from our second year of record-breaking GCSE results, visitors were interested to find out what Barry Comprehensive has to offer. We look forward to seeing our year-5 and 6 visitors again as they prepare for their move to secondary education."

PLEA FOR POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS

THE Royal British Legion (RBL) is asking for volunteers for the 2016 Poppy Appeal from October 24 to November 12.

Anyone - with military service or not - interested in volunteering should contact Andrew Reekie, Bridgend branch of the RBL, on 01656 669988.

Health chief goes to Doha

PROFESSOR Adam Cairns of Cardiff & Vale University Health Board has been appointed chief executive officer of Al Wakra Hospital, Doha.

Mr Cairns said: "It has been a great privilege to serve as CEO of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAV UHB) and I would like to thank my fellow board members for their unstinting support.

"I would also like to pay tribute to everyone who works at CAV; their passion and dedication has been a constant source of inspiration to me. I would like to wish everyone at the Health Board great success for the future."

KNIGHTS

ESTATE AGENTS • CHARTERED SURVEYORS



Barry (01446) 700222

Lettings (01446) 701333

Commercial (01446) 709933



BROOKFIELD AVENUE, BARRY
£285,000
Four/five bedroom detached residence
Benefiting from a granny annex
Offering flexible accommodation



COLLEGE FIELDS CLOSE, BARRY
£99,950
Two bedroom ground floor apartment
Off road parking and no chain
Central location



WHITE FARM, BARRY
£240,000
Persimmon four bedroom detached residence
Ideal family home on popular development
Low maintenance rear garden



RHODEFA SWELDON, BARRY
£220,000
Three storey, three bedroom townhouse
Waterfront location with sea views
Close to all local amenities



CANON STREET, BARRY
£168,000
Two double bedroom traditional property
Sought after West end location
Walking distance of parks, beaches and shops



FERN DRIVE, BARRY
£118,000
Two bedroom end link property
Central location with no chain
Driveway for three vehicles



LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY
£395,000
Five double bedroom detached residence
Views across farmland and countryside
Ideal family accommodation



Y CERIGOS, BARRY
£325,000
Three double bedroom f/f apartment
Highly desirable West end location
Lakeside and sea views. No chain



HOLLYWOOD CLOSE, BARRY
£192,950
Modern three bedroom detached
Popular development in North Barry
Driveway and garage



CLOS MANCHELOWNE, BARRY
£135,000
Barratt 'Roseberry' two bedroom mid link property
Waterfront location close to all amenities
Energy saving solar panels



AFAL SUR, BARRY
£249,950
Three bedroom detached residence
Set on popular Pencoedre Village
Generous off road parking



HELLAS DRIVE, BARRY
£339,000
Alternative living accommodation
Four double bedrooms. No chain
Golf course and Vale views



PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY
£257,950
Two/three bedroom detached bungalow
West end location. No chain.
Mature, large garden



ST JAMES CRESCENT, BARRY
£379,950
Five/six bedroom executive residence
Ideal family accommodation
Sought after location with views



COURTLANDS, BARRY
£99,950
Two bedroom ground floor apartment
West end location. No chain
Close to local amenities



LAVERNOCK POINT, SULLY
£29,500
Two bedroom holiday chalet
Sully/Penarth location
Offered for sale with No Chain



WOODLANDS COURT, BARRY
£89,950
Two double bedroom first floor apartment
Town centre location
Offered for sale with No Chain



THE OLD CHAPEL, BARRY
£345,000
Grade II Listed detached chapel
Four bedroom in central location
Detached garage with bespoke accommodation above

84 HIGH STREET, BARRY CF62 7DX

WWW.KNIGHTS.UK.COM



Cowbridge
01446 772857
cowbridge@pablack.co.uk
52 High Street, Cowbridge
www.pablack.co.uk



Tithe Barn Picketston

- A sympathetically modernised barn conversion
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms, study and reception hall
- Fully fitted kitchen with Aga
- Mature gardens, stable block and paddocks
- Peaceful rural location close to Cowbridge
- EPC = D

£495,000



Fonmon Hall Fonmon

- Well presented 4 bedroom property
- Extended Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Large Principal Bedroom
- Gardens and grounds extending to 1.5 acres
- Idyllic country location
- Additional paddock available on request
- EPC = D

£575,000



Flemingston Grange Flemingston

- Five/Six Bedrooms
- Four en-suite Bathrooms
- Four/five reception rooms
- Extensive level gardens of approx 1 acre
- Self contained annex
- Double garage
- EPC = D

£625,000

We're delighted to invite you to our pa black Cheese & Wine Evening! Wednesday 19th October

To celebrate a successful year since opening we would like to invite you to enjoy cheese and wine at the branch for our anniversary celebration on
Wednesday 19th October, 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Our team will be available to answer any questions you may have about the services we offer, and there will also be one of our mortgage specialists available who will be able to explain the house-buying process and all the costs involved.

For more information or to arrange a free, no obligation market appraisal of your home please contact us today 01446 772857



www.peteralan.co.uk



**OPEN
WEEKEND**

Fri 21st Oct
– Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am – 4.00pm

Welcome to Ham Manor Park

Coastal town setting 30 minutes from Cardiff

LLANTWIT MAJOR • VALE OF GLAMORGAN • CF61 1BA • TEL 01446 792187



- Berkeleyparks development with over 60 years experience.
- Attractive Retirement Park (50+).
- Coastal setting 30 minutes from Cardiff City Centre.
- Set in the picturesque grounds of a former Manor House.
- 15 Minutes walk from historic town centre with good local shopping, Doctors, Dentist, Library etc.
- Good transport links. Station in town. M4 and Cardiff Airport a few miles away.
- Milk and Newspapers delivered daily.
- Call us to view today.

**Berkeleyparks... new horizons,
familiar surroundings.**

Berkeleyparks are Britain's largest park home operator and have been developing park home living since 1955.

- 50 parks in England and Wales.
- Excellent value show homes and purpose built luxury homes.
- Quality enjoyable lifestyle.

Berkeleyparks
the nation's choice for park homes

www.berkeleyparks.co.uk

Telephone 01935 862079

Berkeleyparks, West Coker House
West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9BW

Spirited game sees the Seaweeds edge out Bridgend Sports



It was a tight game on Saturday, but it was Porthcawl who just managed to hold on to beat Bridgend Sports in the Bowl.

TRACEY WILLIAMS was on hand to capture the match action, and you can find a full match report on page 43.

Pictured left, is Josh White.



Porthcawl RFC junior round-up

UNDER-10S - KENFIG HILL 25, PORTHCAWL 15

Another game of two halves where we travelled to Kenfig to play against a team that also likes to throw the ball around - and we had a feast of rugby.

Kenfig started strong using the slope to score two early tries where our defence and rucking was not on form allowing Kenfig to race ahead.

In the second half we showed true guts and determination to get back into the game. We started to drive up in defence and put Kenfig on the back foot from the start and we started to get on par in the ruck area and turn the ball over.

Much of this was down to Dexter who again was immense in the ruck area and in attack, and was right up there with tackle count even though he sat out first 10 minutes of the game.

Another player to show heart and determination today was Joel with four tackles and four barnstorming runs and nearly scored in the corner; he was awarded clubman for individual effort.

Lex and Dylan continued to pile up the tackle count today but had limited space to run as Kenfig defence was strong. Piers was back in his game today with high tackle count, rucking and scoring two good tries to level the score and picking up top try scorer.

One player who was outstanding in all aspects as he led from the front in both defence and attack was

Mackenzie who continued to break the Kenfig line and was rewarded with a try, and was also superb in defence.

UNDER-11S - KENFIG HILL 40, PORTHCAWL 25

Kenfig started full of gusto and scored from the kick off with a great solo effort scoring in the right hand corner.

A few minutes later we conceded again. The next passages of play were exceptional from both teams, Porthcawl deciding to play the wider game with some great combinations from the scrum, scrum half, fly half and centres.

We were the stronger side in the second section of the first half clawing the score back to a respectable 25-20 at half-time.

The second half got under way and Kenfig seemed to up there game, mainly because they were being forced to do so by Porthcawl. A couple of easy tries were scored by them and, but Sam Taylor-King got on the scoresheet for the fourth time in this section with our only score of the second half. Final score 40-25.

In the under-8s Kenfig Hill were defeated 9-15 by Porthcawl, the under-9s drew 15-15 against the same opponents, the under-12s were 45-14 winners over Kenfig Hill, the under-13s were defeated 21-40 by Bridgend Athletic and the youth lost 10-3 against Neath Athletic.

TW

Pencoed seconds share the spoils with Maesteg Celtic

PENCOED seconds, playing with the pitch advantage, made the early running in their encounter with Maesteg Celtic.

Following a good first scrum of the match Pencoed half backs Tom Daniel and Jamie Pensom moved the ball to strong running centre Gareth Thomas who was eventually held deep in the home 22.

Celtic then created their first clear cut opportunity and only a fine cover tackle from Aaron Songhurst prevented a home score.

It was Pencoed however who opened the scoring, Tom Swansbury breaking away and Pencoed maintained possession through Thomas and Songhurst with Thomas crashing over.

The home side hit back immediately moving the ball wide for Zac Collier to score wide out. Pensom then restored the

Pencoed lead with a penalty goal and within minutes increased their lead, driving play from prop forward Brandon Nelson took play to the home line and quick recycled ball saw supporting full back Rhys Clarke race over wide out; Pensom converted and Pencoed led 5-15.

A Rhodri Thomas penalty then reduced the arrears. Pencoed skipper Daniel then did well to clean up scrappy possession from the restart and Pencoed returned to the attack and appeared somewhat unlucky to be called back for a forward pass with flanker Scott Griffiths set to score, and the score remained 8-15 at the interval.

The home side, now playing down the slope, pressed hard early in the half, a turnover from Griffiths relieving Celtic pressure.

Pensom then added another penalty before Daniel again did well to clean up from the restart. Following a driving run

from Nelson once again a forward pass denied Pencoed a score and it was Celtic who were next on the scoresheet with a try from Neil Arthur; Cody Jones converted before levelling matters at 18-18 going into the final 10 minutes.

The home side then took the lead for the first time in the match, Ian Herbert forcing his way over, and Jones adding the extras for a 25-18 lead.

The late Pencoed introduction to the field of play of the evergreen Dai Clarke saw him join sons Owain and Rhys with father Dai clearing the initial breakdown possession leading to the final Pencoed try, Thomas and Griffiths taking play to the shadow of the home posts before Thomas again crashed over, Pensom converting and matters ended at 25-25.

TR

**See more from Pencoed RFC on page 30.*

Nineteen past captains celebrate with a get-together at golf club



THE first Friday of each October is always a special day for the past captains of St Athan Golf Club as it is the date that they set aside for their annual gathering.

This year's club captain, Craig Sherman had the honour of hosting the event, commencing with a 'meet and greet' followed by an 18-hole stableford golf competition for those still able to participate in the sport.

Unfortunately many of the past captains are now restricted in their attendance at the club for various reasons, including ill health and living out of the area but throughout the day they all had their own 'tales to tell' of their time spent at St Athan both on and off the course.

Nineteen former captains, resplendent in club jackets and ties, attended the presentation dinner with Craig chairing the evening at the head of the table and the immediate past captain, Taff Edwards at the bottom.

The others were seated in order of seniority on their year of captaincy, the earliest being Tony Brown who took the helm in 1983.

Craig opened his speech by thanking his counterparts for attending and inviting



them to pass on their comments about the golf course; if they had enjoyed playing it and felt it was well presented then their remarks could be directed to him, any negative comments should be pointed towards the chairman of play.

This was a completely unbiased invitation and nothing to do with the fact that Craig is a member of the green-keeping staff and the chairman of play is Hugh Williams, the 2013 club captain.

CM

times) who carded a magnificent 41 points. Hugh Williams and Mike Clark had to settle for second and third place, scoring 39 and 38 points respectively.

The evening culminated with all present enjoying jovial banter between themselves, cementing new found friendships

and toasting the memory of absent friends.

St Athan is proud of its history; a members club who cater for green fee players but particularly welcome new social and playing members.

Please feel free to visit, alternatively phone 01446 751043 for further information.

NEWS UPDATE FROM THE PENCOED RFC

Youth win... and David makes history!

Pencoed Phoenix put in full effort against Seven Sisters



ABOVE:
Callum Palmer.

RIGHT: David Clarke with sons Rhys and Owain.

PENCOED RFC youth were 35-3 winners over Pontyclun on Saturday.

In other news, David Clarke made history as he lined up for the second XV alongside two of his sons, Rhys and Owain.

David said: "I have finally had a game with my two eldest boys and hope to do it again with Sion and my nephew Ben. Thanks, Pencoed seconds, I loved my five minutes of action!"

JH



PENCOED Phoenix started their game against Seven Sisters well, with the first try from the ever-threatening, talented, side-stepping Leanne Burnell, with Hannah Seward kicking for goal.

But this lead was shortlived with Seven controlling things through their experienced outside-half and centre, who controlled the whole game.

Phoenix put in 100 per cent as usual but with, again, a very limited number of girls to play it was going to be a hard, long afternoon.

There were plays with some brilliant foot work from Leanne Burnell and attacks from Lauren Atkins, Charlie Mundy, Rhianydd Morgan and Amie

Stevens and Stephanie Edmunds.

All the team deserve a pat on the back for their efforts on the pitch; Phoenix's very own under-15, under-18 and Welsh under-18 cap Amy Morgan played her second game at senior level and fitted well into the senior team.

Leanne Burnell was voted lady of the match by Seven.

Final score 36-8. Phoenix now have a two week break.

The under-15s and under-18s were also in action on weekend with both winning, the under-15s defeating Nelson 34-29 and under-18s beating Ynysddu 51-10 - well done to everyone involved.

Anyone interested in playing, helping and supporting will be very welcome at the club - contact Pencoed RFC on 01656 860152 or via Facebook - search for Pencoed Phoenix.

JH

Go to our dedicated sports page for the latest stories and breaking news...
@sport_gem



Charlie Mundy.



Amy Morgan is handed off.



Stephanie Edmunds.

BRINSONS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

ST NICHOLAS

- New build bungalow
- Standing in 1.07 acres
- 4 bedrooms • Sought after village
- £749,950

RHOOSE

- 3 bedroom semi detached property
- Conservatory
- Garage • Private rear garden
- £180,000

BRIDGEND

- Mid terrace property • NEW bathroom suite
- Located near Bridgend town centre
- Kitchen/Breakfast room?
- £103,500

BONVILSTON

- Five bedrooms
- Under floor heating
- Double garage • Private parking
- £650,000

LLANBLETHIAN

- Large detached property
- 4 bedrooms • 3 reception rooms
- Double garage with workshop
- £560,000

LLYSWORNEY

- Detached character cottage
- 4 bedrooms
- Original features • Large gardens
- £465,000

BARRY

- 5 bedroom property
- 3 reception rooms
- Double garage • Sea views
- £435,000

PEN-Y-FAI

- Extended 4 bedroom property
- Secluded location • 1.1 acres in total
- Potential building plot
- £560,000

COLWINSTON

- 5 bedroom detached property
- 3 reception rooms • Double garage
- South facing gardens
- £625,000

BRIDGEND

- Bay fronted semi detached house
- 3 bedrooms • 2 reception rooms
- Extended and improved
- £215,000

COWBRIDGE

- Private parking • Garage
- Level walking distance to Cowbridge town centre
- 2 double bedrooms
- £325,000

COWBRIDGE

- End of terrace property
- 4 bedrooms • Private parking
- Centre of Cowbridge
- £440,000

WELSH ST DONATS

- Large plot • Private parking
- 3 reception rooms
- 3 double bedrooms
- £399,950

ST ATHAN

- Private parking • Two bedrooms
- Part attic conversion
- End of terrace
- £95,000

LLANTWIT MAJOR

- Semi detached house
- Extended
- 3 bedrooms • 3 reception rooms
- £215,000

COWBRIDGE

- Detached property with garage
- 3 bedrooms • 2 reception rooms
- Close to amenities
- £329,950

LLANMAES

- Spacious detached property
- 4 bedrooms with potential to create a 5th
- 3 reception rooms • Conservatory
- £415,000

CORNTOWN

- Semi detached property
- 3 bedrooms
- Cul de sac position • NEW carpets
- £695pcm

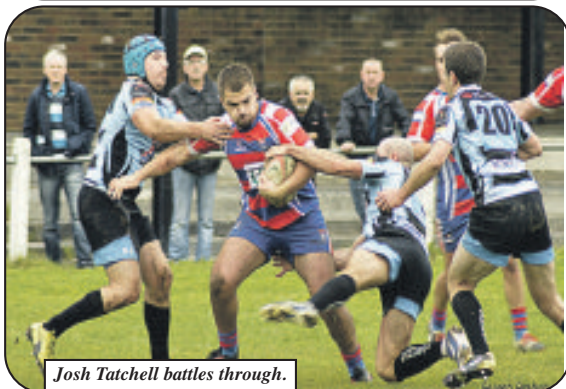
Tondu RFC exit the Plate after defeat



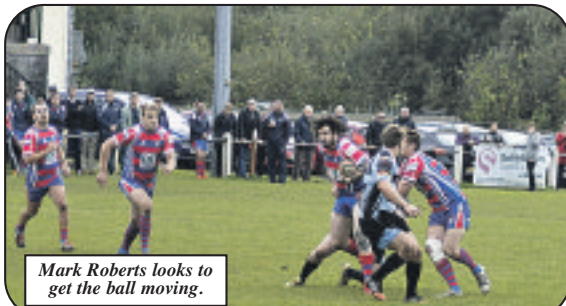
Adam Harris leads an attack.
ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY



Hywel Davies draws the attentions of the Llanharan defence.



Josh Tatchell battles through.



Mark Roberts looks to get the ball moving.



Nathan Strong and Matthew Murphy.

EARLY pressure from Tondu gave them a first minute lead in this game against Llanharan via a penalty from the boot of Paul Smithson.

But after that a more clinical Llanharan side took the game by the scruff of the neck.

Tries from flanker Paul Winter and wing Rhyddan Worgan, both converted by full back Gavin Parsons, gave the home side a deserved 14-3 half-time lead.

The second half started with a Parsons penalty before left wing Chris Poole sealed the game with a 60th minute try for the home side.

Tondu did manage a late consolation try from left wing Shane Kinsella but the visitors never reached the levels of recent weeks and Llanharan were good value for this 22-8 SWALEC Plate win.

Tondu are back in league action this Saturday with a visit to Ystradgynlais where they will have to improve on their performance to keep up their title challenge.

MS

Athletic seconds' ease to victory

BRIDGEND Athletic second XV had a comprehensive 64-10 win at their Glynneath counterparts in a Mid Glamorgan District Premier League game on October 1.

They crossed for 10 tries with centre Chris Walker crossing for a try hat trick leading the way.

Wing Josh Seldon scored a try double with single touchdowns for prop Gethin Cattle, flanker Geraint Lang, scrum half Nick Jones and wing Andrew Tyler. Veteran prop replacement Ian Holman also crossed for a try – his second of the season.

Outside half Scott Jones converted four of the tries and full back Liam Phillips weighed in with three conversions.

AB

Go to our dedicated sports page for the latest stories and breaking news...
@sport_gem



The game between Bridgend Sports under-11s and Bridgend Athletic under-11s was tightly-fought.

Under-11s' derby encounter is very tightly contested

TO use the old cliché, this encounter between Bridgend Sports under-11s and Bridgend Athletic under-11s was a game of two very different halves.

The derby between the two sides is always hotly contested and this game was no exception.

Both sides generously agreed to play on a Thursday evening in lieu of the scheduled Sunday fixture. The desire, passion and courage of both teams was evident in a first half of the highest quality and one where the scores were tied at half-time.

Bridgend Athletic took a very early lead when Rhys Hockings fielded the kick off deep in his own half and then opted to run showing good pace to elude the Sports defenders and then run the length of the field to score.

The Athletic continued to apply the early pressure and were awarded a number of penalties from 10 metres out, but a sound tackle from Mackenzie Dent backed up with a Ieuan Pilliner drive at the ruck provided ball for the home side to work their way up field but a loose pass conceded possession to the away side who moved the ball wide to run in their second try and take a 0-10 lead.

Bridgend Sports responded superbly and for the remaining fifteen minutes of the half they dominated territory pinning their opponents down in their half with a master show of tackling from Harri Williams and Iestyn John, solid rucking from Dewi Worrall and some powerful running from Mackenzie Dent, Megan Lewis and Thomas Coles helped their team level the first half score. Such character and

determination was to earn a just reward as two tries from Megan Lewis and Harri Williams ensured the derby remained 10-10 at half-time.

Both tries were scored through some sharp thinking and application as the Sports opted to tap and run penalties quickly.

The Sports honoured the spirit of the WRU policy to provide game time for all players and rotated every player in their match day squad to ensure all players were given the opportunity to develop for the long term benefit of the players and the wider game.

Their opponents opted for stability and limited the number of

changes. The second half was very different from the first in scoring terms, while the Sports competed hard to keep the Athletic within their own half, the Athletic managed to exploit kicks into space to break out of defence and score tries through some fine running from Tristan James, Louis Philemon and Rhys Hockings.

The Sports under-11s, however, have developed into a determined squad who are full of pride and commitment.

Every player in their match day squad played. All players wore their hearts on their sleeves to rally and pin the Athletic down deep into their half in the

closing stages of the game.

Such effort earned the team a late score as Megan Lewis powered her way over for the final try of the game.

It was another derby that was hotly contested and played in great spirit.

Squad: Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins; Ben King; Cadan Hayes; Callum Lewis; Cian John; Dewi Worrall; Dylan Morgan; Harri Edmunds; Harri Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jodie Keane; Joel Rogers; Mackenzie Dent; Megan Lewis; Morgan Edwards; Richard Kirkup; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton; Tyron Davies.

SP

Local golf course builds new nine-hole course to develop junior talent

Work is under way on Pyle and Kenfig's new nine-hole course.
Photo by MALCOLM NUGENT.



PYLE and Kenfig Golf Club has started building a nine-hole par three course, aimed at helping juniors and beginners to learn the game.

Called the 'junior academy course' it has been funded by a grant from Sport Wales, the Golf Union of Wales, and from a club fund the 'Betty Mackintosh Legacy'. The club already owns the land.

A club spokesman said he was sure that Mr and Mrs Mackintosh would be delighted that their

bequest was being used in this way. Sturat Finlay, the regional golf development manager of the Welsh Golf Union, said: "We are delighted to be able to support the academy course project, as we know this will play a key role in developing the girls and boys who will be the Welsh golf stars of tomorrow."

The nine-hole academy course will open in Spring 2017.

For more details, contact the club professional, Dylan Williams, on 01656 783093, ext 2.

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF...

...CALL A PROFESSIONAL FROM OUR A-Z LIST!

Advertisers please note: deadline for Classified Section is **5pm Monday** (to appear in the following week's edition).
Telephone 01446 774484. email: vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Aerials, Digital & Satellite

SONOS WIFI Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed

ONE VISION DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS

Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation

Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals

240 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package

SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.

- ✓ Domestic & Commercial
- ✓ Discounts For Cops
- ✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
- ✓ 12 Month Guarantee
- ✓ FID Approved Installers

FREE ESTIMATES SAME DAY SERVICE

Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281

www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains

Create the Mood and relax at fresco with awnings from **Solar Sunshades**.

Shutters Awnings Blinds and Motorisation Conservatories Curtains

Cardiff showroom: Cynffyllo Retail Park, Sloger Road, Cardiff, CF11 1BA
Bridgend showroom: North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TP

Barry: 01446 438103 Bridgend: 01656 349473
www.solarsunshades.co.uk

solar Create the Mood

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

SPECIAL OFFER!!!!

DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH

TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE

ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED

Tel. TIM on 07974 065096 / 01446 793189 ANYTIME

COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE COVERING ALL AREAS

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING

Specialist repairs in TV, Video, DVD & Audio. Installations, tuning and set-up service.

Tel: (01656) 654156 or 07792 887835

Cleaning Services

1st CHOICE

CARPET/UPHOLSTERY AND RUG CLEANING. LEATHER CLEANING. Fully Insured

Professional, Reliable, Established. Prices you can't afford to miss out on. Plus...

Stain & Odour Removal
FREE with carpet clean

07930 157952
01446 737695

Broadband/Telephones

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING

Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer. Extensions and Faults. Internet connection issues.

Tel **07787 380972**
ardent.wiring@hotmail.co.uk

GCM'S (Wales) Ltd

GUTTER CLEANING FASCIA WASH & WINDOW CLEANER

01446 741460
07830 480569

Contact The GEM Classified Section on 01446 774484; or E-Mail Vanessa at: vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Carpets

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING

Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available ~ Est 1987 ~

Choose from the comfort of your own home. Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper. All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from. Best prices around.

Call any time.
01656 768120 or 07774 807111

3 GOOD REASONS

1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee

3 Vertical Blinds from £99

Freephone: **0500 295192**

Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh

Mirage Blinds
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges Maximum 60"x60"

1st Digital Aerials

Local Digital Aerial Specialist

Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired. Set Up and Tune In Service.

Problems with:
• Missing Channels • Freezing • Breaking Up

Call Adrian on 07999 331 160 or Barry 01446 743267
www.1st-digital.co.uk

SPECIAL OFFER - £60
Complete installation plus £20 per extra room

BLIND SALE!

STARLINE

Awnings & Blinds

Unit 3 & 4, Western Industrial Estate, Caerphilly
CF83 1BQ • www.starline-blinds.co.uk

GENUINE 15% OFF SALE*

TEL (029) 2086 0631

Building Services

MASONWISE BUILDERS

01446 742928

Established since 1979

- Extensions
- Disabled Grant Work
- Roofing & Repairs
- Conservatories
- Patio & Drives

No Job Too Small
Free Estimates

44 Newlands Street, Barry

STANTON CONSTRUCTION

All building work covered

- Roofing & Repairs
- Rendering
- Driveways
- Guttering
- Chimneys
- Extensions
- Disabled Bathrooms
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Stairlifts
- All Electric Work

01446 489368

MIKE ANDERSON (Builders extraordinaire)

Experts in Listed Buildings

- Renovations
- Slate & Roof Tiling
- Timber Framed Houses
- Barn or Loft Conversions
- Conservatories
- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Wetrooms and all invalidity Bathrooms & Showers

01656 771870 / 07976 720368
Email MAbuilders2015@outlook.com

VALE CARPETS

The Carpet Shop that comes to you

100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples
Established since 1980
Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning

Tel: **Paul Wright**
01446 751152
07811 092477

Install a Stove

Log burners, chimneys, external flues. HETAS registered, chimney sweep

Alex Davies
Solid fuel specialist/installer
Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan
alex.chopper@hotmail.co.uk 07723565047

Chimney Sweeps

Computer Services

HD Computer Solutions

- All problems fixed
- Fast, reliable, on-site service
- Friendly advice freely given
- No fix, no fee
- Free callout

Tel **01446 333330**

AB COMPUTER SERVICES

TUTORIAL - BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORKS REPAIRS & INSTALLATION

For home or office
Tel: **07811 422 946**
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

ace Plastering & Building Services

PROFESSIONAL PLASTERING CONTRACTORS

'Bring your home up-to-date with a smooth & modern finish.'

Tel: **07891 259219**
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

ace Building & Civils

GROUND WORKS
DRIVEWAYS - WALLING
PATHS & KERBS - PATIOS
DRAINAGE - DEMOLITION

Tel: **07891 259219**
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT

SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS

01446 420784
07970 642537

www.barryandvaldampproofing.co.uk

S. Williams Building Services and Roofing Contractor

FREE QUOTATION

All aspects of building, roofing, fencing, painting, patios, lead work, guttering, fascia boards, chimney stacks, dorma conversions and much more!

01446 774824, 07762452451 or sopwil263521@hotmail.com

Call, Text or Email today for reliable and high quality services!

Clear Soot Chimney Sweep

HETAS registered installer

01656 739033
07890 857238

Efficient, reliable, no mess. Insurance certificates issued.

googleme@guildofmastersweeps

C.R. JOSE

CHIMNEY SWEEP

WOOD & MULTIFUELED STOVES SERVICED, INSTALLED & REPAIRED. Bird guards fitted.

Telephone: **01446 792735** ~ Est 1965 ~

Decorating Services

Inexpensive Painting

Exterior & Interior Using Quality Paint

Tel: **01656 741586**
07704 535802

TRUE COLOURS

Painter & Decorator

Interior & Exterior

City & Guilds Certified

25 years experience
Wallpaper specialist
Free Estimates
Quality Guaranteed

07873 326 892
01446 402 708

NIGEL BOARDMAN

Tradesman, Painter & Decorator

Advanced City & Guilds
Est 1985 • Free Estimates

07803 571757

See more Decorators on the next page

Decorating Services

NH Painter & Decorator
a name you can trust

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

Weekend Calls Welcome

Time served, qualified,
professional, fast, clean
worker, all insurance
work undertaken

T 01446 772702
M 07505 979078

www.nhdecorating.co.uk
nhurleypd@googlemail.com

Dulux SelectDecorators

Double Glazing

**STEVE
MOLONEY**

Double glazing repairs.
Hinges, handles,
misted up sealed units,
complete repair
service available.
Established 1979.

01656 783594
or
07877 558525

**WELSH WINDOW
SYSTEMS**
Est. 1987

Repairs to all UPVC
& aluminium
windows & doors
01446 738888
07877 836798

The GEM
01446 774484

Electrical Services

CA Jones Electrical Services

- Specialising in all types of electrical heating.
- Registered to Install Dimplex heaters.
- Upgrade your old fuse board to a modern MCB board from £150.
- Installing, test & maintaining electrical systems.
- Keeping standards high & our prices low.

07889338088 / 01656 864001

Email: cajoneselectrical@gmail.com

Dave Reffell
Electrical
Services

**Domestic
Installer
Scheme**
Approved contractor
Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
d.reffell@hotmail.co.uk

**A&C Electrical
Solutions**

Domestic Appliance
repairs.
Appliances not removed.
Appointment times given
Over 30 years experience
Covering Penarth to Porthcawl
Card payments accepted.
07732 264 803 24 Hr

REPAIRS

Washing Machines
Electric Cookers,
Tumble Dryers, etc

Repaired in your
own home

0800 2984518
Barry 744117

LK Electrical

All types of
Electrical work
undertaken.

Testing, Inspection
& Certification

07891 965150

**ELECTRICAL
REPAIRS**

Washing Machines,
Cookers, Fridge/Freezers,
Tumble Dryers, Ovens,
Hobs, Hoods. Built-in or
Freestanding Appliances.

APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

Call 01446
774484 to
advertise
with The
GEM, and
reach
45,000
homes
from
Penarth to
Porthcawl

Fascias & Guttering

**Fascia & Guttering
DIRECT**

- Guttering
- Downpipes
- Cladding
- Soffits

LO1656 670 311
m.07761 282 202
f. GEM SelectDecorators

Go to the **The GEM**
for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

Garden Services

LUMBERJACKS
TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

CITY & GUILDS QUALIFIED

**City & Guilds
NPTC**

**ALL WORK IS TO THE LATEST
BRITISH STANDARDS BS-3998-2010**

Call for all your Tree, Hedge and Shrub needs
For a completely free no obligation quote

- 2 million pounds Public Liability Insurance
- All credentials happily produced on request
- All waste generated removed within quotations

SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS FOR SALE £80 1 CUBIC M³ LOOSE

Free local delivery

**10% OFF
with this
advert**

**Call Dion anytime
on 01446 728197**

**WE WILL
BEAT ANY
GENUINE
QUOTE**

Arborwood Tree Care

- Tree Pruning • Crown Lifting • Tree Felling • Dangerous Tree Work • Pollarding • Deadwooding • Hedge Cutting • Tree Dismantling • Root Pruning • Ground Clearance

Call us for a friendly, free quote, fully insured

Tel: 07910 417471 or 01446 792262

Seasoned Hard Wood For Sale

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES

Specialists in
Large/Dangerous Trees
FELLING, PRUNING,
CROWN REDUCTION,
THINNING OUT AND
TOTAL DISMANTLING
- FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857
or 07921 902729

HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED
COMMERCIAL or DOMESTIC
SITE CLEARANCE

NEED A TREE SURGEON?

All tree work undertaken
Fully insured
www.ArbCymru.co.uk
Tel: 01656 646017 MOB: 07813869615

Transform your Garden in 2016
Excellent References & Portfolio

Landscaping
Hedges
Decking & Fencing
Patios
Tree Felling
Gravel Areas
Grass Cutting
Fully Insured

pr

Tel: 01446 413945 or 07971 888151
email: info@prgardenservices.co.uk

Gas Services

Andrew Allen Gas & Plumbing Limited

A family run business
for your family needs!

INSTALLATION, SERVICING
& BREAKDOWNS ON ALL GAS APPLIANCES.
ALL FIRES & FIRE SURROUNDS INSTALLED
GAS BOILER SERVICE £50 (WITH CERTIFICATE)

10 Year Warranty
on New Boilers
*Subject to conditions
Find us today on Facebook.
TEL: 07891 348113
and 07740 518131

GAS Services

Combination Boiler & LPG Specialist
Competitive & Reliable
07814 394378 / 01446 774457

**NDP GARDEN
and PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE**

- Grass Cutting, Weeding
Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed,
Tree Felling,
Fencing, Turfing,
Gutters & Fascias Cleaned
Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc.
Power Washed.

- Free Estimates
- Reliable Family Team

01446 773935
or 07773 992704

Call 01446
774484 to
advertise
with The
GEM, and
reach
45,000
homes
from
Penarth to
Porthcawl

Handyman Services

**Need something fixed in the
house or garden?**

Call the man who can!
No job too small. Trustworthy
handyman. CRB/DBS checked.
Garden Tidy ups and
Pressure Washing.
Telephone Phil on:
01446 792543 / 07903 755055

Removal Services

Advertisers please note:
deadline for Classified
Section is 5pm Monday
(to appear in the following
week's edition). Telephone
01446 774484, email:
vanessa.james@
tindlenews.co.uk

**— PYRAMID
— REMOVALS**
Near or far,
small or large
01446 734485
07564 162958

Roofing Services

Fairfax & Glover Roofing

- Slating • Tiling • Lead Roofs
- Lead Fabrications/Welding

EST. OVER 25 YEARS

Tel. 01446 773945

01446 781266

Mobile 07986 964904

01656 720551
07973 488806

**Roofing
specialists**

S. MIDDLETON & SON

We cover all aspects of roofing
including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing
Rubber Systems

www.middletonroofing.co.uk

Plumbing Services

S.M. Vaughan

HEATING & PLUMBING - DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
• Boilers • Pipework • Radiators
• Gas Safety Certificates
• Fires Servicing • LPG Specialists
• Static Homes/Caravans/Boats

01446 734733 • Mob 07976 790096
Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

**VALE
HEATING
COMPANY**

- Plumbing
- Heating
- Bathrooms
- LPG
- Landlord Certificates

Tony Patten: 07789222800
Aberthyn, Cowbridge
Valeheatingco@yahoo.com

DC Plumbing

- NO call out charge
- Flexible hours
- No job too small

Call Dave on:
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 9099

Dave The Gas

All heating and plumbing
work undertaken, free
estimates, no job too small!

Tel: 07779
598844
or 01446
421006

**JOHN
SARTAIN**
Plumbing
& Tiling

01446
794266

Metalwork

JW Bathrooms

- Plumbing • Tiling
- Plastering • Wet Rooms
- Free estimates
No job too small
01446 400225
07866 470754

**Wrought Iron
Metalwork**
by Mark Lund
Locally based in
Rhoose. Design
& Prices available.
Call 07715 783519

**PREMIER
ROOFING
WALES LTD**

ALL REPAIR WORK
UNDERTAKEN:
• LEAD WORK,
• CHIMNEY STACKS,
• ALL FASCIA BOARDS
& GUTTERING,
• VELUX UPVC WINDOWS.

07972 736806
01446 741574

**Century
Plastics
Guttering
Services**

All aspects of guttering
and UPVC undertaken
Tel: 01446 405440
07581 798352

**ROOFTEC
ROOFING SERVICE**
New slate/ tile/flat roofs.
Also fibreglass flat roofs.
All aspects of uPVC
guttering, fascias,
downpipes, etc.
Chimney/ valley repairs.
House maintenance
work carried out.
No job too small.
Guaranteed competitive rates.
Tel. (01656) 722593
Mobile: 07969 248688.
Free estimates
24 hour emergency call out.

**CRD
CONTRACTORS LTD**

All types of guttering and
repairs from £40.00. Roof
repairs from £50.00. Fascia,
Gutter & Conservatory Cleaning.
Telephone:
01443 887646/07899 164310

The GEM

01446 774484

School of Motoring

Cats Eyes
Driving School Ltd

- Learn to drive at 14yrs old
- Intensive 1 week courses
- Manual & Auto • Male/Female Tutors

0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

**The GEM Advertisers
please note: DEADLINE for
Classified Section is 5pm
Monday (to appear in the
following week's edition).**

Wanted

SBS SALVAGE LTD



Barry's newest car dismantling facility registered with the environment agency, DVLA & Vale of Glamorgan Council

No job too big or too small

Immediate payment of up to £10,000

MOT failures / Untaxed or scrapped vehicle. Best prices paid for copper / Lead, Aluminium / Stainless steel, Computer boards / Electric cable and catalytic converters

Free of Charge:

- Light demolition
- Factory/Farm Clearances
- All grades of metal taken
- Ferrous or non-ferrous
- Household appliances
- Car batteries

CALL US TODAY www.sbsvalve.com Monday to Sunday
01446 421034 • 07772 054534 • 07410 549526

Septic Tank Disposal

OK Environmental Services Ltd

Local family-run business for all your liquid waste needs. Cesspits/Septic Tanks, Liquid Waste Specialists.

Contact William Oakes on 01656 862414
07779 255639/07870 388432

Storage Services

ATLANTIC SELF STORAGE

Self Storage Containers & Lock-Ups sited in Barry
Manned 7 days a week
giving you 7 days access

www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk

01446 677648 / 07813 134123

- External New Watertight Containers
- Internal Personal Storage for personal belongings
- Business Storage
- Pick up service available
- All covered by 24 hr CCTV in Secure Compound

Tiling Services

Bonny Tiler

Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and
Wetroom installation

Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service

01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Tiling by Tanya

- * All aspects of wall & floor tiling
- * Ceramic, porcelain, natural stone
- * Friendly, professional service
- * No obligation free quotes

07814 124 851 or 01446 736760

Upholstery Services

Sofa icon Ltd.

Sofas, Chairs, Footstools, Scatters, and Headboards.

Repairs, Re-Upholstery undertaken.
Top quality, Quick turnaround,
Designer fabrics, Free estimates.

Showroom:
14c Western Avenue, Bridgend Industrial Estate. CF31 3RT
FREE COLLECTION & DELIVERY WITHIN THE GEM AREA

01656 653004 www.sofaicon.co.uk

Susan Viant Re-upholstery

All aspects of re-upholstery undertaken.

Call 01656 724005

(day)

01656 720722

(evenings) wanted

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

WANTED

Classic/Old Car

Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project or motorcycle. If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting

07425 139331/01446 794866

WANTED

Camper Van/Caravan

Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project with/without MOT. If it's in your garage or on your drive.

Call Mark, cash waiting

07425 139331

Wood for Sale

FIREWOOD

Seasoned & Kiln Dried

Call 01446 771567

for bulk winter deals

www.topstak.co.uk

Buy 10 handy bags at £5.50 each get 1 free!

Topstak

House Clearance

HOUSE CLEARANCE

local, reliable, friendly,
accommodating
Call: 07972510158

SUTTONS Auto Salvage

TOP PRICES paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles.

Also body shells and scrap metals collected. No wheels, no problem.

02920 597887

07971 648596

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE CARS & VANS

Runners/non runners MOT failures Accident Damaged Anything considered

MIN £50 PAID

For a fast & friendly service

Please call

07933 383 833

Cars for Sale from £200 with MOT.

WANTED for cash in all areas

Cars, Vans, Lorries & Quads. In any condition running or not. With or without MOT, insurance loss or third party.

£50 - £3000

Please ring anytime

7 days 9am - 10.30pm

Call Frazer's

Office: 01446 732222

Mobile: 07816 205895

To Let

TO LET

Self-contained

1 Bedroom

Furnished Flat

Tel 07976 921201

evenings only

Visit The GEM online

for the latest stories and breaking news...

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE £12 inc. VAT - box for 2 weeks. For Motors - £24 inc. VAT for 2 weeks. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'The Glamorgan GEM' at The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Adverts must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. Sorry no refunds are given.

Nine kilowatts Spencer Woodburner
£120
(Buyer Collect)
01656 652369

HSL Linton Grande Dual Rise & Recline Electric Chair. Beige.
Immaculate condition. Brand new, bought Aug 2016 for £1700. Sell £600. Reasonable offers considered. Buyer collect.
01446 732408

Black leather 3 piece suite
Excellent Condition. Collection only.
£2,500 new will sell £500
01656 669759
07835 979548

Reclaimed/ Salvage for sale
Pennant Walling stone Various timber sizes & lengths
Fire escape with all fixings to re-erect
Galvanised roller shutter door Manual/Electric
Reclaimed engineering house bricks
Two pairs of garden gates (Prices to be discussed on enquiry)
Contact Keith on 07913 257361 or 02920 397316
Leckwith in Cardiff

Alpha Power Chair (in/outdoor)
6 wheels, 360 turn Range - 20 miles
Half price £600

Battery Wheel Chair
Range - 20 miles
Hardly used £200
Telescopic Ramp (6ft) with carry case £60
(Can deliver to South Wales area)
07712 238069
01443 479902

Mobility Scooter
1 year old.
Cost £649 (as new, used 5 times)
Sell £300

RiseRecline Chair
6 months old. Cost £699
Sell £300
01656 652253

Modern Extending Smoke Glass Dining Table
with four leather high back chairs, as new.
Telephone: 01446 401374 after 6.00pm

ESTESIA Ride on Mower
£850
Tel 01446 406182
Mob 07847 252882

Motors For Sale

Ford Fiesta 3 Style
Y Reg 1.242cc. Petrol Zetec, 5-Dr Hatchback
MOT Feb 2017, 84,380 miles
£350 ono
01446 733453



Ford Ka 1.3
Yr 2002, blue, new clutch, Mot Oct 2017, 66,500 miles. £600 ono.
01446 621990
07814 918201

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17 (5)
Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a PREMISES LICENCE

To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:

Licensing Section,
Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices,
Angel Street, Bridgend,
CF31 4WB.

NAME OF APPLICANT: Maesteg Celtic Athletic & Social Club
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: Maesteg Celtic Athletic & Social Club, Bridgend Road, Garth, Maesteg, CF34 0NE

STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: (1) Supply of alcohol and regular entertainment Mon to Sun 11:00 to 24:00. New Years Eve 11:00 to 00:30.
DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 11th October 2016, for 28 consecutive days.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

Public Notice

Adelaid y Goron
Parr Cathays
Caerdydd CF10 3NQ

The Planning Inspectorate
Yr Arolygieth Gynllunio
wales@pins.gov.uk

Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff CF10 3NQ

DEDDI BYWYD GWYLLT A CHIEIN GWILLAD 1981
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN Y BYDD
AROLOGYDD A BENODIR GAN
YN BRESNNOL YN
Yr Ystafell Bwedd, Swyddfa'r Doc, Y Barri
CF63 4RT
AR

Dydd Mawrth 17 Ionawr 2017 am 10 a.m.
ER MWYN CYNNAL YMCHWILIAD LLEOL
CYHOEDDUS AC WEDYN I BENDERFYNU AR:
GORCHYMYN DIWIGIO MAP DIFFINIOL
(YCHWANEGU LUNYR TROED CYHOEDDUS
RHIF 72E Y BARRI) CYNGOR BRO
MORGANNWG 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
AN INSPECTOR APPOINTED BY
the Welsh Ministers
WILL ATTEND AT
The Boardroom, Docks Office, Barry Docks,
Barry CF63 4RT
AR

Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 10 a.m.
TO HOLD A PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY AND
TO SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINE:
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL -
(ADDITION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 72E
BARRY) - DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION
ORDER 2014

The effect of the Order, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath running from public footpath 72e at the rear of 39 North y Castell, Barry, approximately 30 metres north-west of the rail tunnel entrance at NGR 309855 166948, continuing in a north westerly direction following a track with an earth surface for 37 metres to NGR 309879 166976; the path then adopts a south easterly alignment continuing downhill for 107 metres to the previous location of a set of steps before joining Romilly Park Road at NGR 309960 166997; total length 144 metres, width 1 metre.

The purpose of the Inquiry is to enable the Inspector to hear representation from those persons who have objected to the Order. Any other interested persons may also attend and be allowed to speak at the discretion of the Inspector.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to the Order may do so by appointment at the Vale of Glamorgan Council Offices, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT - Contact Gwen Tague on 01446 704810 or email gwen.tague@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Isabel Northall
Authorised by the Welsh Ministers
WE WELCOME COMMUNICATIONS
IN WELSH AND ENGLISH

Family Notices

JONES Glynne John

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on October 7, Glynne, aged 92 years. Beloved husband of Mary, much loved dad of Alan, Hilary and the late Lesley, and father-in-law of Rachel and Philip. Cherished grandad of Rebecca, Owen, Elizabeth, Helen and Bronwen and great grandchildren Lucia, Joshua, Grace, Emily, Thomas, Daniel, William and Sophie. Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, October 21 at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie c/o the Funeral Director.

MATHESON Gordon Christopher

Suddenly on September 21 at his home in Llantwit Major, Gordon, dearly loved husband of Tracey, devoted dad of Kieran and Kirsty. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral Friday, October 21, service 2pm at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment in Llantwit Major Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, c/o J. James, 11 Fonnmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

TREHARNE Arthur

Peacefully at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital on Thursday, September 22, Arthur of Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at Pontyclun Funeral Services Private Chapel of Rest until the funeral on Monday, October 17, service at St Anne's Church, Talygarn at 11am, followed by private interment at Ystradowen Church. Family flowers by request. Donations in memory of Arthur may be sent for, Smile Train c/o Pontyclun Funeral Services, Clun Avenue, Pontyclun, CF72 9AG. Tel 01443 224358.

FORDER Brian

Peacefully on October 4 at Morriston Hospital, Brian of Llantwit Major, dear husband of Helen.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral Wednesday, October 19, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Ward C, ABMU, Morriston Hospital c/o J. James, 11 Fonnmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

FOWLER William Leslie

Passed away peacefully in his sleep at the University Hospital of Wales on October 6, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of the late Elaine. Much loved father of Edward, Helene, Martin, Stephen and their partners Hillary, Nick, Ange and Donna. Cherished grandfather to Chelsea, Christopher, Nathan, Nicole, Sophie and great grandfather to Caelan.

Bill will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

His service and committal will be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Wednesday, October 19 at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, can be made to support Marie Curie Hospice. Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry.

Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis on 01446 407962.

COX Jason

Jason sadly passed away on September 28. Loving husband of Carina, adored father of Morgan, Kane and Lacey, best friend to Damian and much loved son and nephew. Jason will be sadly and greatly missed by all family and friends.

A service of celebration will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX. Flowers may be sent to Green Willow Funerals, 21A Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE.

Any enquiries to Green Willow Funerals. Tel: (029) 2051 4627.

In Memory

IN MEMORY Ronnie Williams

16 October 2015

*It's been a year since you passed away,
You're always in our hearts and thoughts.
Love and miss you
Winnie and family xxx*

DAD (Ronnie Williams)

16 October 2015

*It's been a year since you passed away,
We miss you each and every day.
Love Deb, Tony & family xxx
Joanne, Leonard & family xxx*

ELLIS Evelyn May

Peacefully in her sleep at Collegefields Nursing Home, Barry, Evelyn May, aged 98 years, previously of Wenloe Terrace, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Cyril. Dearly loved mother of Haydn and the late Graham, mother-in-law of Patricia and Jean. Cherished grandmother of Stephen, Jayne and the late Sara, great grandmother of Ceri-Marie and Jessie. Evelyn will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Wednesday, October 19. Funeral service at Princes Street Evangelical Church, Princes Street, Barry, at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Acknowledgements

PEMBRIDGE Violet

Brian and Jackie wish to thank family and friends for their kind support, cards and donations. Also, thank you to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

Also, many thanks to W. James & Sons, Funeral Directors and Reverend Melanie Prince.

GATT Carolyn Jane

The family of the late Carolyn Jane would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral on Monday, October 3. They are very thankful for your kind words, support and donations in lieu of flowers.

Thank you to Father Kevin Lake for a lovely heartfelt service. A special thank you to all the staff at Holme Tower for the care Carolyn and the family received and thank you to Park Funeral Directors. Carolyn will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Anniversary

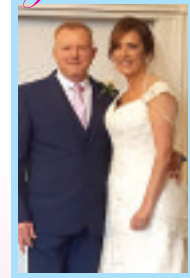
Anita and Howard Llewellyn

*Happy Diamond
Wedding Anniversary!*
On 13 October

*With lots of love
Christine, Carol, Martin,
Andrew and Siobhan
xxx*

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations



WENDY SHORT

MARK SNATCHFOLD

who were married on Saturday, October 8 at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Wishing you both every happiness for your future together. Love and best wishes from all your friends at *The GEM*.
xxx

Birthdays

Happy 1st Birthday
To our Darlina Great Granddaughter

Isabelle Ball

on 13 October

*All our Love Always
Grandma & Gramps
xxx*

*Happy 16th
Birthday to our
★ Gorgeous
Granddaughter ★*

Georgia Lees

on October 14th



*All our love
Nanny,
Grampy
and
Uncle
Justin
xxx*

Funeral Directors

Park Funeral Directors

PROFESSIONAL & CARING

- Totally independent funeral directors
- 24 hour attention, arrangements for weekends & evenings
- Private Resting Rooms
- Loved one remains in our care in Barry
- Male and female professional staff
- Mercedes cortege fleet
- Award-winning funeral planners



Call us on
01446 421212
www.parkfunerals.co.uk
7, Tynewydd Rd, Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8HB

181 Court Road, Barry, CF63 1EX
LYNDSAY ELLIS @ THE VALE FUNERAL SERVICE
Telephone 01446 407962

Personal, Caring and Independent. In the heart of your community



Lyndsay
Family owned and run by husband and wife



Nicola



Prestige Jaguar Cortège Vehicles
Fully qualified and experienced members of staff

www.valefuneralservice.co.uk
(Wholly owned by Pidgeons of Cardiff)

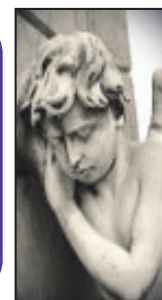
Est 1946 - 24 hour Service

W.H. PREENE & SON INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLAN AVAILABLE

54 MAIN STREET, CADOXTON
Telephone 01446 420520

Cadoxton Funeral Home



Cowbridge and the Vale Memorials
Fine Sculptors in Granite, Marble & Stone

New Memorials
Additional Inscriptions
Renovations

Tel: 01446 776823
The Workshop, The Limes,
Cowbridge, CF71 7BJ

ANDREW WILLIAMS HOUSE CLEARANCES

FULL/PART

Over 20 years experience.
Sympathetic handling of deceased estates, used by estate agents and solicitors.

01446 409266
07885 251742

Visit
The GEM
online
for the latest
stories
and breaking
news...

W. A. Brown & Son

Funeral Directors

- Pre-paid Funeral Plans
- Memorial Masonry

Pembroke House
College Street, Llantwit Major
01446 792 489

www.wabrownfuneraldirectors.co.uk

Recruitment

Qualified GDC registered dental nurse required

Full time position at our Pencoed practice. NHS and private patients. The position is available for immediate start for suitable candidate.

For further details or to apply please email
acdentalcollins@aol.co.uk
Closing date 21 October, 2016

Pugh's Garden Village, Wenvoe

- Father Christmas and elves wanted! (DBS - is essential for Father Christmas)
- Seasonal/Christmas staff required for photo desk
- CV required • Start date 25th Nov - 24th Dec
- Number of hours to be arranged

Please send CV to Cindy Bullock/Louise Jones, Pugh's Garden Village, Port Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AD or email shop@stylegardens.co.uk - Tel 029 2059 8118



Male & Female Support Workers

Requires:
Contact Jo or Naina on 01446 793544
or email jo@awelonhealthcare.com

- Full & Part time available
- Sleep-ins & waking nights required
- The company provides full training, uniform, pension scheme and bonus incentives.

Carrie Elspeth

Sales Administrator

Carrie Elspeth is an award winning jewellery design and manufacturer based in Llandow. We have a full time, permanent vacancy for a multi-talented person, who will be responsible for our Sales Administration & Customer Services. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential as are strong computer skills.

The role involves attending a limited number of trade shows with overnight stays.

Closing date for applications 21 October.

For an application form, please email steve@carrielspeth.com

Trainee Sales Person

required for a busy, friendly office at **The Glamorgan GEM**. Driving licence required. Full training will be given. This is an ideal opportunity for a confident, outgoing person.

Please email
jan.iring@tindlenews.co.uk

Are you fit to deliver?

We need fit reliable people to help distribute the Glamorgan GEM newspaper to local homes, once a week.

- TEENAGERS (aged 13 years and over)
- ACTIVE SENIOR CITIZENS
- HOUSEWIVES - STUDENTS
- SHIFT WORKERS

Please ring: 01202 811666

or email info@thedistributionbusiness.co.uk
area, your details will be placed on our waiting list until a suitable opportunity occurs.

Vale United make it eight wins on the bounce against Dinas

DINAS POWYS were the latest team to fall victim to the Vale United juggernaut, as they were soundly beaten by the league leaders at Brig y Don.

Coming into the game on the back of a 6-2 victory in the cup last week, United made key changes in order to keep players fresh heading into the long winter slog.

Out went skipper Richard Evans, with the effervescent Thomas Hopkin slotting in at right-back, while the midfield trio of Dan Hanson, Phil Caseley and Matt Hobbs were all reinstated to the starting 11 after being rested against Barry Saints.

The impressive strike force of Jay Tominey, Alex Gregory and Nathan Jenkins were once again given chance to impress after last weekend's rout.

After the game finally got underway, it didn't take long for Vale to hit their stride, the busy Jay Tominey flicking in a delightful

header from dead-ball specialist, Matt Hobbs, to give the visitors a deserved 0-1 lead.

Vale's attacking threat was clear to see, with Nathan Jenkins next to test the home-team, shooting straight at the keeper when it seemed easier to score.

It was one-way traffic up until this point, although Dinas did threaten once on the break, forcing stand-in skipper, Gerwyn Teague into an important, if routine, save, to keep the score at 0-1.

Minutes later, it was 0-2 - a training ground corner routine saw Tominey pick out Gregory on the edge of the box, the in-form winger lashing home a first-time half-volley to give the scoreline the look that United's dominance deserved.

The half continued in much the same fashion, United squandering chances galore, through a mixture of rank-and-bad finishing and inspired goalkeeping from the home team's giant stopper.

Vale came into the second half looking to build on their impressive

EVERY year, tens of thousands of racegoers cram themselves into Cheltenham Racecourse, the spiritual home of steeplechasing, for the annual week-long festival and culminating in the Gold Cup.

But who would have thought this seemingly innocent gathering could set the stage for an intense and blistering attempt to outsmart a fierce cyber criminal?

Well, in Harriet Redfern's novels, anything is possible!

This is exactly what plays out in *Tabikat*, as the world of horse racing is turned on its head and the serenity of a Somerset racing yard becomes the playground for a whip-snapping adventure.

Tabikat is a talented racehorse, bred in rural Ireland by Eoghan Foley, a former jump jockey with a dramatic past.

This thriller, set in the horse-racing world, tells the story of the fight back against an organised crime family by Tabikat's connections.

The main action moves between Sampfield Grange, a point-to-point training yard in Somerset;

Frossiac, a village on the Canal du Midi in Aude, France; Gleannglas, a small town in County Kerry, Ireland; and the famed Cheltenham Racecourse in Gloucestershire.

Tabikat holds an entry in the Gold Cup and is unexpectedly sent from a top Irish yard to reclusive English trainer James Sampfield Peveril, known to the racing world as Sam.

Sam is visited by an old friend, Frank Stanley, who asks him to take on a mysterious new employee, Isabella Hall.

The staff at the yard suspect that Isabella is not what she seems, and are determined to uncover her secret.

Kye McMahon, Sam's stable groom, fears Isabella will expose his activities as a drug dealer, while household staff Kelly and Lewis believe Isabella to be having an affair with Frank Stanley. Sadie Shinkins, the yard manager is preoccupied with her affair with Merlin ap Rhys, Tabikat's jockey, as the two of them help Sam to prepare Tabikat for the race of his life.

Meanwhile, a mysterious English visitor to a remote French village is writing a novel about a murder at a deserted airfield committed by the head of an organised crime family.

The connection between the author George Harvey, Isabella Hall and the racehorse Tabikat gradually emerges as Sam desperately tries to understand the true nature of what Frank Stanley has really asked of him.

Peopled by colourful characters, both good and bad, from the racing world, the story reaches its climax as the Cheltenham Gold Cup is run.

The book will appeal to anyone who enjoys a gradually unfolding thriller set in the exciting world of horse racing and it can be obtained, either on Kindle or in paperback using this link: <https://www.feedaread.com/books/Tabikat-9781786973.aspx>.

THE LIGNY WINS
The Ligny, a winner for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan last month, kept up the good work by scoring again at Huntingdon on Tuesday.

Partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, the promising five-year-old landed the Molson Coors Novices' Hurdle race by two lengths from My Mo and went off the 4-6 favourite.

On and Off The Turf

WITH BRIAN LEE

Golf day in aid of the Cerys Potter Foundation



SATURDAY, October 8, saw the fifth annual Llancarfan Charity Golf Day in aid of the Cerys Potter Foundation which was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Eighteen golfers of differing standards came together in a Texas Scramble format to see who would be champions and hold the bragging rights for the remaining 12 months.

There were a number of competitions throughout the day; Marilyn Barrett won the nearest the pin on the eighth hole narrowly edging out Paul Murphy.

John Ford was victorious in the longest drive, with a stunning shot that pitched past his nearest rival's ball - again Paul Murphy.

Max Evans correctly guessed the number of balls lost on the day - 30 in all!

Simon Cox the professional at Cottrell Park Golf Club kindly donated a free lesson that was raffled and raised £150

The winning four ball were the team that consisted of Paul Murphy (finally he won something!), Nick Crane, Bobby D and Janey Williams.



It was a very close fought match with all five teams within four points of each other, congratulations to the winning team.

The teams retired to the Fox & Hounds where James and his team fed the teams with a slap-up pie & mash supper.

We'd like to thank the organisers - Matt, Rich and John, to James at the Fox & Hounds for hosting us and also to Cottrell Park for organising a fantastic event that brought together members of the community and raise over £350 for a charity that is very close to our hearts. **JP**

PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB ROUND-UP

PENARTH Hockey Club's first XI were made to work hard for a share of the spoils in a top-of-the-table clash with Swindon, allowing the seconds to bask in the glory of an 8-0 thrashing of local rivals Whitchurch in week two of the new GoCrea8 league campaign.

From the start, Swindon proved to be a very solid team with no weak links for Penarth to expose.

The match was played at a frantic tempo with the visitors flying out of the blocks and, even though Penarth gradually managed to wrest control after the opening exchanges, it was Swindon that broke the deadlock, with a reverse stick cross finding an unmarked attacker at the back post to give them the lead midway through the first half.

Penarth refused to let their heads drop, however, and continued to press for a goal of their own. While their efforts were to no avail before the half-time whistle, the Bears came out strong after the break and, once again, their tough pre-season preparation paid off as they looked the fresher team pushing forward.

The Vale side had a gilt-edge chance to equalise from the penalty spot after a Ben Croxall shot was illegally stopped on the goal line but, despite David Joyce sending the Swindon keeper the wrong way, his effort was somehow clawed off the line by the netminder's flailing stick.

Again, Penarth refused to let the setback deflate them, knowing that, as their pressure mounted, it would only be a matter of time before they'd get the chance to level the scores.

Sure enough, the opportunity arose via another penalty flick after Swindon again illegally prevented a shot from crossing the line and, this time, Croxall stepped up and made no mistake from the spot.

Penarth could now sense victory and went for the jugular but, attacking with reckless abandon, left themselves open at the back, allowing Swindon to strike on the counter-attack, with an excellent reverse stick shot regaining the lead for the visitors.

With little time remaining, Penarth threw caution to the wind and went all-out in attack in an effort to rescue something from the game. With just minutes on the clock, captain Tom Haran sent a long pass up the right wing, allowing Chris Baker to leave his marker for dead before driving into the D and smashing the ball into the bottom corner with unnerving accuracy and composure.

The Bears almost snatched all three points' right at the death, as Joyce shot narrowly wide, but it was not the Vale side's finest performance, at times panicking when they fell behind, and it took all the spirit and fight that took them to a division title last season to come away with a share of the spoils.

WHITCHURCH C 0, PENARTH A 8
After a disappointing defeat on the opening weekend of the season, Penarth's second XI looked to get their first points on the board in De Cymru 1 with an away game against Whitchurch 'C', and it was a strong side - complete with a couple of summer signings - that made the trip knowing that nothing short of victory would suffice.

Penarth started well and dominated from the off, with Sam Docherty orchestrating from central midfield. Unsurprisingly, it did not take long for the pressure on the pitch to transfer to the scoreboard with Phil Lane converting an early penalty corner.

Penarth soon doubled their lead when Dave Kidby tapped home at the back post, while further strikes from Steve Davies - with his first touch of the game - and Lane, with a sweet strike from the top of the D, made it 4-0 within 20 minutes.

Whitchurch looked shell-shocked but Penarth were playing excellent hockey and maintained their

momentum with captain Sam Chick grabbing a fifth before Davies added a sixth before half-time.

The Vale side looked to keep up the intensity after the interval, but Whitchurch came out for the second half much more organised and enjoyed a spell of possession that led to a series of penalty short corners.

During this period of play, however, a goalmouth scramble escalated into an altercation between Penarth goalkeeper Simon Comfort and one of the Whitchurch players, which saw Comfort receive a yellow card and time in the sin bin while his adversary was shown a straight red for violent conduct.

With no keeper for 10 minutes, Mark Thomas bravely offered to stand in as 'kicking back' only to find that his first duty was to face down another Whitchurch penalty corner.

Defiantly, Thomas proceeded to charge the corner down, blocking the shot which nicely cushioned the ball to Chick to start a Penarth breakaway.

Chick duly took the ball upfield before slipping a pass to Chris McCarthy, who completed a hat-trick of assists by unselfishly squaring to Kidby for another tap-in.

With Penarth a man up for the majority of the second half, Whitchurch might have capitulated but, to their credit, they worked tirelessly to frustrate the Bears and limited the visiting side to just one further score, with Sam Salisbury continuing his strong start to the season by adding an eighth late on.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY C 1, PENARTH B 0
The third XI travelled to Swansea to take on the local university's C team in their first De Cymru 3 league match of the season and what was expected to be one of the hardest matches of the campaign turned out to be just that.

The students dominated most of the possession in the first half, but failed to create many clear-cut chances due to a solid and well-organised defensive display by the Penarth back four of James Davies, Simon Wilkinson, Morgan Salisbury and Rob Harrison.

As the half wore on, Penarth slowly got themselves back into the game and created a couple of good chances through quick breaks, although these were unfortunately wasted by the forwards.

Despite that, Penarth went into the break in the ascendancy and confident that they could get something out of the game, but the second half started the same way as the first, with the university side controlling most of the pitch.

Once again, however, the Penarth defence thwarted what chances were created and, even when the students did find a way through, some good saves by goalkeeper Mark Harris meant that there was no score going into the final quarter.

As they had in the first period, Penarth started to get more of the possession as the half wore on, and again created two or three good opportunities only to see them go begging.

Good use of rolling substitutions by the Bears meant that they matched the youth and fitness of the students, with Tom Griffiths working tirelessly in the midfield on his third XI debut.

The resistance could not last, however, and the university gradually began to play more and more of the game in the Penarth half.

The home side continued to waste the opportunity to put them game away.

With little over five minutes remaining, the Bears looked like they were going to hang on for a draw, only for a late effort from the students to take a deflection in the D before being diverted into his own net by the hapless Paul Thomas. Penarth mounted a late challenge for a share of the points, but the university held on to keep the scoreline at 1-0. **CL**

Half marathon, full effort

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

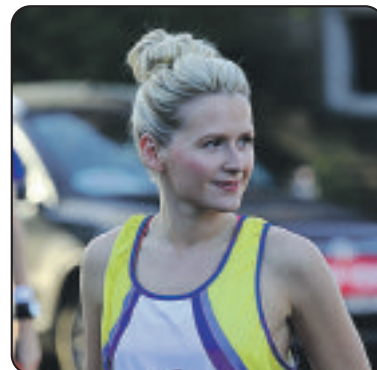
OTHER PICTURES ARE
AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

Pictures can be purchased
by contacting:

E-Mail: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone 07791 228684
www.ffotoimage.co.uk

THEY came from near and went far – 13.1 miles to be precise – around Cardiff for 2016's half-marathon, which took place on October 2.

Billed as 'flat, fast and iconic', the half-marathon took in some of the Welsh capital's best-known areas, such as Roath and Pontcanna, and, naturally, Cardiff Bay. Roll on 2017!



Llantwit Major RFC progress in the Bowl

THE third round of the cup competition brought familiar visitors Canton RFC to the Recreation Ground.

Llantwit were expecting a tough encounter which didn't materialise as they cantered to a 45-3 win. This was partly due to a very good performance from the home team and also Canton's decision to field a development XV consisting of a mixture of first and second XV players.

The game was all about the first half as Llantwit racked up 38 points with only an early penalty in reply by Canton.

The forwards set the platform as yet again they dominated a much bigger pack in the scrum with a strong performance, putting Canton under early pressure which they never really recovered from. An early Dan Powell penalty was just reward for the good start and big tackles being put in across the field.

Next saw the highlight of the game as man of the match fullback Wise Vakacegu took a pass inside the Llantwit half and make an audacious shimmy and dummy pass which left not only the opponents but most of the crowd flummoxed as to what was happening.

By the time they had caught up, Wise had already split the Canton defence apart and broken away, good handling and support

from his fellow backs putting Jack Austin over at the clubhouse end for a converted try.

This was soon followed by a second try, again coming from some excellent back play and quick passing putting strong running wing Luke Dawes over under the posts.

There was no doubt by this time that Llantwit were going to be too strong for their opponents as they were dominating all set pieces, particularly the scrum, confirmed with a well-organised pushover try being grounded by number eight Rob Carter.

It was then the turn of the backs as wing Rhys Balmont showed his pace in racing over from another move started from inside their own half. The first half ended with Steff Godwin capping a solid performance at scrum half by diving over from some more forward pressure.

The second half began as the first half ended with Llantwit quickly crossing the whitewash at the school end with a Gareth Watts try and a touchline conversion from the ever-dependable Powell who contributed 13 points from his accurate kicking.

The rest of the half sadly did not live up to the start as the game saw no further score as Canton, to their credit, stubbornly refused to lie down and defended strongly and threw everything they had at the home team.

The Llantwit coaching team also took advantage of the big

lead to make several changes and give some fringe players a good run out. The game though was still entertaining with plenty of open rugby from both sides and a sin-binning each to contend with.

Another pleasing aspect for the coaches was Llantwit's defence in not conceding any points when down to 14 men and for the second game running, not conceding any tries.

Hopefully, this will be good preparation for this week's game as they take the long trip up the A470 to Merthyr Tydfil as Cefn Coed RFC are the opponents, kick-off 2.30pm.

The game will provide a stern test of Llantwit's early season form as they face the unbeaten league leaders; any supporters are welcome to travel on the team bus leaving at 12 noon.

A final note to make is, disappointingly, there has again been an increase in dog muck being found on the Recreation Ground. This is unacceptable as the health of players and children is at risk.

Dog mess is not only unsightly and unpleasant but can spread disease, or in extreme cases, cause blindness. The rugby club is appealing to dog owners who allow this practice to stop before any harm is caused.

AH

Brynhill Golf Club ladies' results

SEPTEMBER 6, Texas scramble competition:

Winners Gemma Evans, Linda Hewlett, Andrea Page and Norma Phillips = 62.4 nett.

September 20, four club competition: Winner Gemma Evans over the back nine from Jenny Pateman = 32 pts.

September 27, Consolation trophy: Winner Linda Hewlett = 30 pts. Breakthrough brooch competition: Winner Andrea Page = 36pts.

Welsh dragon brooch competition: Winner Robbie Lee = 76 nett.

Brynhill Golf Club Christmas fayre takes place on November 1, 6pm-9pm, and Brynhill Golf Club ladies section's annual general meeting takes place on November 22 at 7pm.

JK

Barry Town reach quarter-finals after giant killing!

UNDER DOGS Barry Town United booked their place in the quarter-finals of the Nathaniel MG Cup with an impressive 1-0 win over Welsh Premier League opposition on Tuesday, October 4.

After Town striker James Dixon had been bundled over in the box, Bobby Briers' 67th-minute spot kick proved enough to see off Cardiff Met at a floodlit Jenner Park, watched by a crowd of around 300 spectators.

The Archers had been awarded a penalty of their own within moments of Barry's opener, only for goalkeeper Mike Lewis to pull out a crucial save, preserving the home side's slender advantage.

Barry's best chance in open play came when Dixon struck the crossbar before the break, and while the Met enjoyed their fair share of possession over the course of the 90 minutes, the visitors were unable to break down a resolute Town defence, inspired by returning man of the match Lewis Cosslett.

This was Barry's first competitive victory over Welsh Premier League adversaries for more than 12 years and their first home win in the newly-

expanded competition since September 2001.

Barry will now host fellow Welsh League outfit Haverfordwest County in the quarter-finals, as Gavin Chesterfield's squad continue their pursuit for senior silverware on four separate fronts.

The tie between Barry and Haverfordwest will be played at Jenner Park on Tuesday, October 25 (7.45pm), with the winners set to be handed a semi-final showdown on neutral ground with either Carmarthen Town or Newtown.

The northern section of the quarter-final draw, meanwhile, pits Connah's Quay against Rhyl and Bangor City against holders The New Saints.

Barry return to Welsh League Division One action this weekend, away at Goytre AFC in Gwent (2.30pm).

Barry Town: Mike Lewis, Bobby Briers, Luke Cooper, Lewis Cosslett, Chris Hugh, James Saddle (c), Louis Gerrard, Jordan Cottrell, Tyrell Webbe, James Dixon, Michael Hartley. **Substitutes:** Nathan Mathias, Lee Baldock, Dan Bradley, TJ Nagi (for Cottrell), Kareem Leigh (for Dixon).

AC

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing September 29:

Division 1: SV Gals (V Pycroft 30) 286; Red Admiral (M Gee 29) 260; Pila Palas (D Sullivan, M Jones 32) 331; Bakers Dozen (S Davis 35) 296; Special Angels (K Hillberg, D Grisdale 22) 193; Family and Friends (J Phillips 29) 244; Barry Stars (C Bishop, S Phillips 32) 315; Space Finders (E Worthly 38) 324; Coppers (J Williams 34) 321; Family Affair (Sandra Wilson 36) 325; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor, P Jackson 27) 221; Bobby's Girls (L Evans 28) 223; Allsorts (D Booneley 28) 231; Cigar Ladies (F Simmond 28) 246.

Division 2: Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 27) 245; Breakaways (C Parfitt, V Martin 26) 239; Rhooose Starlights (G Oliver 27) 256; Fallen Angels (T Lawrence, S Jones 26) 279; Airways Angels (J Naish, J Thomas, B Collins, A Crook 23) 239; Castaways (K Billings

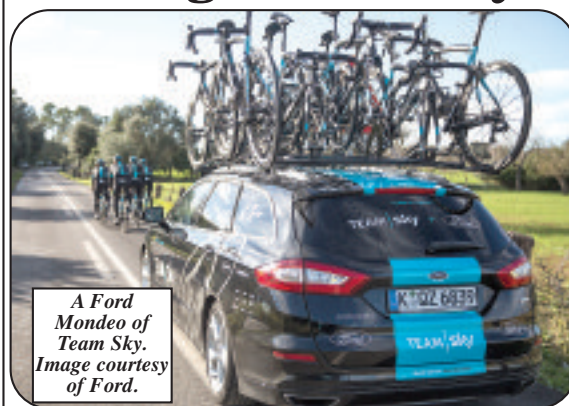
31) 234; Merry Makers (H Davies 26) 236; SV Lights (N Alsop 27) 200.

Division 3: Little Devils (P Weston 25) 211; Hill Billies (S Aspinall 26) 239; Vixens (K Thomas 34) 271; Rugby Triers (J Gouch 25) 24; Westenders (S Morgan, C Gee 26) 219; Rebels (S Collier, S Oram 25) 233; Challengers (D Collard 33) 293; La Belles (J Cordy 36) 317; Uptown Girls (L Cosslett 21) 214; Witches (V Walters 22) 219; S V Ladies (W Norman 29) 275; Dolly Mixtures (K Rideout 29) 302; Twilights (C Thomas 24) 213; Etcetera (M Grasby 22) 175.

Division 4: Nite Outers (G Baker 28) 189; Persuaders (J Neil 25) 220; Optimists (E Playe, J Holland 29) 266; Off The Rails (J Sims 29) 256; Booby Birds (C Connell, J Mills 3) 301; Witchill Wanderers (V Kerslake 35) 247; Socialites (R Hooper 28) 249; Hell Raisers (L Waters 28) 248.

Next secretary's meeting - December 12. Please bring raffle tickets and prizes.

Team Sky and Tour de Ford motor into Bridgend county



A Ford Mondeo of Team Sky. Image courtesy of Ford.

CYCLISTS in south Wales are invited to get a taste of the pro cycling experience at a Tour de Ford-led ride, in association with Team Sky, at Bridgend Ford, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend, on Sunday, October 16.

Ford, which is Team Sky's exclusive supplier of cars and vans, is hosting Tour de Ford events around the country.

The free group cycle rides will be accompanied by Team Sky-liveried Ford Mondeo estate cars - the same vehicles used to support 2016 Tour de France-winning team.

The route, of around 50 miles, in the south Wales countryside will start and finish at Bridgend Ford.

The non-competitive rides will follow a route plotted on Strava, the social network for athletes.

Lisa Brankin, director of marketing, de-ford-bridgend-ford-registration-Ford of Britain, said: "Our Tour de

Ford rides, in association with Team Sky, are a great way for cyclists to get a feel for the Team Sky experience on their own local roads. "We want to offer an enjoyable and different day's riding for local cyclists and hope riders will join us on the inaugural Tour de Ford events."

The Tour de Ford celebrates Ford's partnership with Team Sky. The partnership agreement affords Team Sky access to a range of Ford vehicles to provide specific support for all key areas of the Team Sky racing and non-racing programme.

Liveried in the distinctive blue and black Team Sky colours, the most visible cars in the peloton are the Ford Mondeo estates used by the team's crew.

Cyclists wanting more information or to take part in Tour de Ford, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/eltour-de-ford-bridgend-ford-registration-27752542602>

Tennis club record their first win!



AFTER rain delayed the start of Llantwit Major Tennis Club's resurgence into competitive tennis, last weekend LMTC visited Garw Valley TC to play their first match in over 10 years and also recorded their first win!

Acting team captain Roger Williams travelled to face their opponents in the Valleys alongside Dawn Howells, Vicki Seaton and Neil Davies. The match was an incredibly close affair with the final result being decided by a single set.

The first round of matches saw LMTC first pair Vicki and Neil play their opposite number in what turned out to be the match that decided the tie. Garw Valley edged

the match winning in a third set tiebreak 3-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Second pair Dawn and Roger also had a close but successful first match against their opposite number winning in straight sets 7-6, 6-3.

Confidence was clearly high for the Garw Valley first pair as they cruised to a more comfortable victory of 6-3, 6-2 over Dawn and Roger. Llantwit first pair Vicki and Neil took the final rubber in another close straight sets win 6-4, 6-4 which also sealed the overall win in the tie thanks to that crucial set in the first round.

The club welcomes any spectators for the match and also any new players looking to take up tennis.

If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more about our club, please visit our website

www.llantwitennis.co.uk or email info@llantwitennis.co.uk.

You can also find Llantwit Major Tennis Club on Facebook and Twitter.

RC

Under-9s are left tired but happy!

SATURDAY saw the three Llantwit Major under-9 teams in action in glorious sunshine with the Lions and Saints at home against Sully, and the Dragons away at Wenvoe against Barry Town Yellows.

Having had a few players pull out after failing late fitness tests, the teams were a bit stretched so meant some very tired legs at the end.

All games were close once again but extremely competitive.

performances However, it was decided to award it to one of their goalscorers, Dylan Godsell, who put in a massive shift helping all over the park with some fine passing and skills whilst also doing the dirty work with covering tackles.

Bleddyn Mitchem won the award for the Lions with another sterling performance terrorising the defences with his runs and long throw-ins.

The Saints' award went to Ethan Bacon, who is a very consistent player and once again put in a great all round performance.

This week sees the three sides at home entertaining Barry Town Blues and Holton Road.

IG



Gravells.com



Kia Soul

Urban 1.6 GDi 130bhp

£2500⁺ Gravells Contribution
Customer Deposit

£169.42
PER MONTH

4.9%
APR

Includes 3 Years FREE Servicing!



The Power to Surprise

GRAVELLS

Bridgend

David Street, CF31 3SA - 01656 641 000

Fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the range of Kia models shown are: Urban 28.2 (10.0) – 80.7 (3.5), Extra Urban 43.5 (6.5) – 94.2 (3.0), Combined 37.2 (7.6) – 88.3 (3.2). CO2 emissions are 189 – 85g/km. MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For terms and exclusions visit kia.co.uk or see your local dealer. Kia Soul Urban 1.6GDi 130bhp manual with £2500 Gravells contribution, £2500 customer deposit (optional) plus 3 yrs free servicing. Cost price £13,000.00 inc. £2500 Gravells contribution. Less deposit £2,500.00, payable by 36 monthly payments of £169.42. 1 final payment of £5,597.25. Annual percentage rate 4.9%, guaranteed future value £5,597.25, total amount payable £14,195.37. Based on an estimated annual mileage of 6000 miles per annum, excess mileage charged at 7.5 pence per mile. Price correct at time of going to press and specification is subject to change without notice. Retail customers only. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For terms and exclusions visit www.kia.co.uk. Offer not available with any other offer. Retail sales only. Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply. 18's or over. Guarantee/indemnity may be required. Further charges may be made subject to the condition or mileage of the vehicle. Anticipated annual mileage 6,000 miles, excess mileage charge 14.9p per mile. YOU WILL NOT OWN THE VEHICLE UNTIL ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE. At the end of the agreement there are 3 options: (i) Renew. Part exchange the vehicle, where equity is available. (ii) Retain. Pay the Optional Final Payment, to own the vehicle or (iii) Return the vehicle. Kia Motors Finance RHT 15R.



Gravells.com



Kia Sportage

'1' 1.6 GDi Manual

£209.21
PER MONTH
+ £209.21 INITIAL PAYMENT



The Power to Surprise

GRAVELLS

Bridgend

David Street, CF31 3SA - 01656 641 000

*Prices shown are on Personal Contract Hire and include VAT. Model shown is the Kia Sportage '3' 1.7 CRDi, please get in touch for further competitive rates on a variety of different profiles, mileage allowances and models. Example above is based on a 3 year, 10,000 mile per annum, excess mileage 7.67p per mile inc VAT, customer maintained contract with an initial rental equivalent to 1 monthly payment followed by 35 monthly payments thereafter. Metallic paint is an additional £545.00, total value of the car £18,305.00. Total PTH value including options, extras and manufacturers delivery is £495.83 plus VAT. You will not own the vehicle at the end of the contract.

Golfers impress in trip to Bromsgrove



Vale Council support for sports clubs

ARE you part of a sports club within the Vale or an organisation which delivers, or would like to deliver, sport for local residents?

The Vale Council's sports development team are holding a community club open day/evening on Tuesday, October 18 to which representatives of your club are invited.

Members of the team will be at Barry YMCA Hub, Court Road, Barry, from 3pm to 8pm, during which time your representatives can speak to a member of the team.

The team are able to assist with a range of areas, including Community Chest applications – a grant scheme that awards financial support to organisations proposing ideas for getting people in the Vale of Glamorgan more active, more often – whose deadline is November 10.

Other areas of funding

are also able to be discussed, as well as club-development planning and the development of additional opportunities. The development of school-club links can also be raised, as can coach development and volunteer recruitment.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, commented: "Our teams at sports development and play have a love of sport, and a passion for increasing the number of people taking part in sports and play opportunities across the Vale of Glamorgan."

The information drop-in session is open to all groups/organisations who wish to develop sporting activities.

Any interested groups should contact Rachel Shepherd, Sports Development, on 07730 749485m or by e-mailing r.shepherd@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

SUNDAY saw seven Special Olympics Wales golfers set off from their home club of St Andrews Major Golf Club for the Special Olympics West Midlands golf tournament, to be held in Bromsgrove Golf Club the following day.

First to tee off were the 18 hole Division 1 players made up of our own Matthew Sims from Cardiff, Sam Lazenbury (Barry) and Matthew Prewett (Lavernock).

The competition was very close with Sam Lazenbury taking the title by one stroke with a round of 95, from second place Matthew Sims 96 and in third place Matthew Prewett.

Our next golfers were in the nine hole competition, Division 1, with another closely fought competition with only four strokes between the first and fifth places - James Savory was fourth, Mark Eveleigh sixth and Gareth Lloyd in seventh place, all three are from Barry.

Our final golfer was

Adrian Abbott from Llantwit Major who took the gold medal place in nine hole Division 3 competition.

We now return to St Andrews Major Golf Club to prepare for our next competition under the watchful eye of golf professional John Hastings.

The golfers would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff of the St Andrews Major Golf Club for the warm welcome they receive at the club every week.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer, the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff & Vale group are badminton, bocce, boccia, indoor bowls, golf, artistic gymnastics, sprint kayaking, 10-pin bowling and swimming - for more information please contact Jeff Savory via: specialolympicswales@gmail.com or 0780 316 5581.

Pictured, left to right, are: Matthew Prewett, Matthew Sims, James Savory, Mark Eveleigh, Adrian Abbott, Sam Lazenbury and Gareth Lloyd. **JS**

VALE OF GLAMORGAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ANOTHER excellent weekend in the Vale of Glamorgan league saw a mixture of nervy wins, upset wins and one crazy scoreline.

In the Premier Division Penarth Town produced an fine result to win 3-2 away to Barry Athletic.

St Athan also produced a great result on their travels, edging Rhosce 1-0.

The results keep the pressure on still-undefeated Vale United who made it eight wins out of eight in all competitions with a 2-0 victory away to Dinas Powys Athletic.

Island Marine notched their first win of the season with an impressive 5-1 league win over Masons Moving Group who find themselves bottom of the table.

In the First Division Barry Athletic B went back to the top with a mammoth 10-0 drubbing of bottom side Glenbrook.

FC Pumas got back to winning way after two draws, winning 6-1 against Cadoxton Barry to go second.

Cogan were victorious 3-1 against Dockers - that's two on the bounce in the league for the first division champions but Dockers are without a win in three.

Cadoxton Athletic came out 6-4 winners

against Sully in an entertaining game in somewhat of an upset, an tremendous win for Athletic.

In Division Two an incredible 15 goals were scored in one game, in the battle of the Saints, Barry Saints won 10-5 away to St Athan B.

BVFC bounced back from a massive defeat in the cup last week to edge Penarth B 3-2, halting Towns run of four wins in a row.

Barry Albion had lost five in a row in the league but they battled to a 3-3 draw against Island Marine B, their indifferent form continuing.

Finally in the battle of the bottom two, Rhosce B and Pumas B, played out a 1-1 draw.

As of writing the results of Tynewydd vs Cowbridge and SP Billy vs Cardiff Airport were still unknown.

This week's picks of the day look like being Cowbridge vs Penarth in the Premier Division; in the First Division, in what could be the complete stand out, it's first vs second as Barry Athletic B play FC Pumas, and in the Second Division league leaders Cadoxton Imps are back in action in a tough test against Island Marine B.

HD



Ed Meggitt (chairman of Lord's Taverners Welsh region; Jamie Sylvester (Macron Cardiff); Jane John (chairman of Lady Taverners Welsh region).

Taverners set their sights on taking cricket to all parts of the world

A LOCAL cricketing charity has thanked a Cardiff sports business for giving its recycling programme a big boost.

Thousands of youngsters from around the world benefit each year from the Lord's Taverners Sports Kit Recycling programme and thanks to a donation from Macron in Cardiff, the Taverners will be able to help many more young people around the globe.

The Cardiff sportswear store has donated four boxes of recycled sportswear to the Wales Lord's Taverners to be used in projects across the world.

In the past 12 months, more than 5,500 pieces of kit donated by manufacturers, clubs and members of the public has helped young people around the world play cricket for the first time.

Along with supporting projects in countries such as India, Brazil, Gambia and Ghana, more recently youngsters closer to home have

benefitted as refugees in Germany have been sent cricket kit as they look to continue their love of the sport developed in their home countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In the past 12 months, the Lord's Taverners have donated hundreds of kilograms of kit to youngsters across the globe, including to: Cricket Brazil (310kg); Gambia Cricket Association (340kg); Mexico Cricket Association (305kg); Rwanda Cricket Association (330kg).

How can you help? If you have any unwanted kit or equipment, or if your club is willing to become a collection hub, then the Lord's Taverners would like to hear from you. Your donations really do make a difference to young people's lives around the world.

For more information about how to donate unwanted kit, or how a club can become a collection hub, visit www.lordstaverners.org/sportskitrecycling.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 10:

1st Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 63.07%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 62.22%, 3rd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 59.09%.

LE

Go to **The GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news...

There's lots more online....



www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

CTC House, Whittle Road, Leckwith Industrial Estate, Cardiff, CF11 8AT
 Contact Paul Lewis - 07811 255417 / 029 20 308595
 Also at NEWPORT - CARDIFF - SWANSEA

2016 PEUGEOT Boxer (Pre-Reg) Professional 335 L302 Panel Van, 2.8 BlueHDi, Manual, Diesel, White, Delivery Miles Only £14,800 + VAT + RFL	2015 FORD TRANSIT Custom 2.2 TDCi 100 PS Panel Van Manual, Diesel, White, 22,348 miles £12,995 + VAT + RFL	NEW 2016 ISUZU D-MAX Utah Vision, Double Cab, 4x4 Pick Up, Silver, 2.5L, Diesel, Manual, Tow Bar, Del Miles Only EPOA + VAT + RFL
Pre-Reg CITROEN Relay 35 L3 Luton with Tail Lift 2.2 HDi, Manual, Diesel, White, Delivery Miles Only £21,495 + VAT + RFL	2012 MERCEDES-BENZ Sprinter 313 Tipper, 2.2TD, Diesel, Manual, White 60,000 miles £9,995 + VAT + RFL	NEW 2016 ISUZU D-MAX Utah Vision, Double Cab, 4x4 Pick Up, Venetian Red, 2.5L, Diesel, Automatic, Tow Bar, Del Miles Only EPOA + VAT + RFL
2015 FORD TRANSIT Custom 2.2 TDCi 100 PS Panel Van Manual, Diesel, White, 10,538 miles £13,495 + VAT + RFL	NEW 2016 ISUZU D-MAX Blade, Double Cab, 4x4 Pick Up Aerolias Canopy, 2.5L, Diesel, White, Automatic, EPOA + VAT + RFL	NEW 2016 ISUZU D-MAX Yukon Double Cab, 4x4 Pick Up, Nautilus Blue 2.5L, Diesel, Manual, Tow Bar, Del Miles Only EPOA + VAT + RFL
2016 PEUGEOT Boxer Tipper 2.2 HDi, Diesel, Manual, White, 150 miles 9ft Tipping Body £15,995 + VAT + RFL	2007 NISSAN Navara 2.5D Cab Outlaw, Diesel, Manual, Grey, 148,000 miles £3,495 NO VAT + RFL	NEW 2016 ISUZU D-MAX Yukon, Double Cab, 4x4 Pick Up, Mineral Grey, 2.5L, Diesel, Manual, Delivery Miles Only EPOA + VAT + RFL
2007 NISSAN Navara 2.5D Cab Outlaw, Diesel, Automatic, Grey, 95,141 miles £5,495 + VAT + RFL	2016 PEUGEOT Boxer (Pre-Reg) Professional 435 L402 Panel Van, 2.8 BlueHDi, Manual, Diesel, White, Delivery Miles Only £14,390 + VAT + RFL	2012 VOLKSWAGEN AMAROK Startline, 2.0TDI, Diesel, Manual, White, 42,000 miles £11,995 + VAT + RFL
2012 VOLKSWAGEN Caddy 1.6 TDI C20, Diesel, Manual, White, 78,169 miles £4,895 + VAT + RFL	2016 VAUXHALL VVARO Sportive 1.6 CDI 115 PS Panel L2 Hi Van, Manual, Diesel, Silver, 23,638 miles £13,795 + VAT + RFL	

FINANCE PACKAGES AVAILABLE TO HIRE. ALL REQUIREMENTS + FINANCE LEASE + CONTRACT HIRE + HIRE PURCHASE + FINANCE SUBJECT TO STATUS

Jiu Jitsu club members represent Wales in Canada



Lifeguard Karen lands gold treble!

RHOOSE
Lifeguard Karen O'Donoghue-Harris recently won three gold medals at the Masters World Surf Life Saving Championships.

The Championships were held in the small fishing town of Noordwijk, which sits on the North Sea in the Netherlands. With tricky sea and wind conditions, Karen's first event was the board race where she got a bronze medal in her age group.

This was quickly followed by a gold medal in the Ski race and Ocean Woman, which is a multi-discipline event consisting of a run, swim, board and ski



leg. The following day was all about team events and, together with her team mates, Karen took gold in the Ski Relay and bronze in the Beach Relay and Taplin Relay.

Karen said: "It's been a long season but all the hard work and training has certainly paid off and it's been worth all the effort." **GH**

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RECENT results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 4 were as follows:

First, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones, 66.15 per cent; second, Mike Close and Mick Green, 59.38 per cent; third, Denis Mottram and Sean Macdougall, 55.73 per cent.

Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592; call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively, players – inexperienced or new – may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address. **DR**

Go to our dedicated sports page for the latest stories and breaking news...
@sport_gem

TEN members of the Vale Jiu Jitsu Club based in St Brides Major represented Wales at Jitsu International 2016, held in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada this summer.

Jitsu International 2016 was attended by over 250 participants from ten different countries.

Despite being based in a small rural village, the Vale Jiu Jitsu Club has always punched well above its weight.

Over the last six years it has competed successfully against clubs based in some of the world's biggest cities, winning the team award at the British Junior Jiu Jitsu Foundation Randori Championships earlier this year and the Senior Display Competition at

Jitsu International 2016, Ontario, Canada.

Jitsu International is held every three years and is the most prestigious competition held by the Jiu Jitsu Foundation International.

The Vale Jiu Jitsu Club will be defending its title in South Africa in 2019.

Pictured, above, are the senior team: Top row, left to right – Liam Sloan, Tom MacArthur, Jake Walker, Toby Walker, Robert Murray, Angus Gregory, and the Junior team: Bottom row, left to right – Ellin May, Cerys May, Harriett Thomas, Miles Thomas.

If you would like to find out more about the Vale Jiu Jitsu Club contact us at valejijitsu@gmail.com **DW**

Junior golfers in finals at Cottrell Park

SEVENTY FIVE young golfers between the ages of 6-14 took part in the finals of the 2016 Welsh Junior Tour, a suitable climax in a successful first year for the new event in the Welsh sporting calendar.

They qualified for the finals at Cottrell Park, the Welsh Golf Club of the Year for 2015, as a result of their performances at junior tour events over the course of the season.

The junior tour has been so successful this season that the Golf Union of Wales are already planning to extend the event next year.

In the under-10s section William Pontin from Rhondda carried the day with a great score of

61 points, just edging out junior tour regular Brodi Lewis from Pyle & Kenfig who was second with 60 points.

Michael Collis continued a great day for the Mold juniors with a third place finish. Zak Baker from Llandrindod Wells, Abergele's Jack McKinney and Bargoed's Ryan Williams have been battling it out all season in the under-12s age group.

On this occasion, Williams came in fourth having been pipped for third by Ralph O'Carroll from nearby St Athan Golf Club.

In the under-14 girls Megan Vineall from Newport continued her run of good form winning by two points from The Vale Resort's Darcey Harry with Kasumi Tran from Tenby in third place.

Good as New
Car Body Repairs



"Over 15 Years in business"
WE GUARANTEE TO BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE



Alloy Wheel Refurbishment



'Alloygator' Wheel Protectors



Headlamp Refurbishment



- * Open 6 days a week 8.30am till late
- * Bumper scuffs
- * Wheel refurbishments
- * Resprays
- * Light and Heavy Accident Repairs

- * Courtesy cars provided
- * We will guarantee to beat any genuine like-for-like quotation
- * We deal with all major insurance companies
- * Non fault accident specialist

Had an accident but not your fault?

Give us a call, we take all the hassle away from dealing with the insurance companies.

01446 772757

email: goodasnew1@hotmail.co.uk

www.goodasnewcrashrepairs.co.uk

Unit 4, 40D Penllyn Way
Vale Business Park, Llandow CF71 7PF





GARY WATSON MOTOR CO.



A SUPERB SELECTION OF CARS TO SUIT YOU...

3-DOOR/5-DOOR • DIESEL • AUTOMATIC • PETROL

3-DOOR/5-DOOR • PETROL • AUTOMATIC • DIESEL



56 BMW 630i Sport Convertible Auto
In met silver with black leather,
74,000 miles
£10,695



13 RENAULT Grand Scenic D-Quettlux NRG
In ice blue, 56,000 miles
with leather trim
Reduced to £9,995



60 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec
In hot magenta, 39,000 miles,
1 owner
£5,695



P PORSCHE Boxster 2.5
In silver with full leather trim,
73,000 miles, convertible
£5,995



10 SKODA Yeti 1.2 TSi SE
In aqua blue, 46,000 miles,
practical hatch
£7,995



MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe
In true red, 48,000 miles,
Solid roof convertible
£7,995



62 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 Diesel SE Nav Automatic
Very berry, black trim, 57,000 miles
£8,995



13 NISSAN Juke 1.6 N-TEC 5-Dr
In white, 26,000 miles,
sat-nav, climate etc
£9,995



59 MINI Cooper 1.6 Convertible
In pure silver, 68,000 miles, over
£2,500 of extras
£6,495



11 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.0 TDV6 HSE
HSE luxury automatic, 56,000
miles, high spec luxury 4x4
£27,995

- | | |
|---|--|
| 11 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.0TDV6 HSE Luxury Auto In black with cream leather, 56,000 miles, high spec, luxury 4x4 at £27,995 | 63 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 Energy 3-Dr In white, 20,000 miles, one owner £5,995 |
| 61 BMW 320D Sport Auto In black with leather trim, 18,000 miles, host of extras £15,995 | 62 SKODA Rapid SETSI 5-Dr In white, 59,958 miles, very nice example at £5,995 |
| 96 JAGUAR XK8 Automatic In met-green with cream leather, only 23,000 miles from new, superb example £12,995 | 62 VAUXHALL Astra 1.7 CDTi Active 5-Dr In graphite grey, 78,000 mile, diesel £5,995 |
| 56 BMW 630i Sport Convertible Auto In met silver with black leather, 74,000 miles £10,695 | 62 FIAT Punto 1.4 Lounge 3-Dr In bagatti blue, 41,000 miles, with glass roof, alloys etc £5,995 |
| 13 RENAULT Grand Scenic D-Quettlux NRG 1.6 Diesel 7 seater In ice blue with leather trim, 56,000 miles REDUCED BY £1000 TO £9,995 | 11 MAZDA 3 1.6 Diesel TS 5-Dr In white, 56,000 miles. £30 road tax £5,995 |
| 13 NISSAN Juke 1.6 N-TEC 5-Dr In white, 26,000 miles with sat-nav, climate etc £9,995 | 60 SEAT Leon 1.2 TSi 'S' 5-Dr In black, 43,000 miles. Good looking car £5,995 |
| 06 RANGE ROVER 3.0 Vogue Diesel Auto In met-blue with grey leather, lots of extras £9,995 | P PORSCHE Boxster 2.5 In silver, with full leather trim, 73,000 miles, convertible £5,995 |
| 13 HONDA Civic 1.8 V-TEC SE In crystal black, 25,909 miles, one owner, superb value at £8,995 | 10 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.7 CDTi Exclusive In dark metallic grey, 41,000 miles, diesel 7-seater £5,995 |
| 62 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 Diesel SE Nav Automatic In very berry with black trim, 57,000 miles £8,995 | 09 VOLVO C30 R-Design SE 2.0 Diesel Automatic In black, 71,000 miles £5,995 |
| 12 MINI Cooper 1.6 In white silver with black roof, 23,000 miles. Very nice example £8,995 | 60 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec 5-Dr In hot magenta, 39,000 miles, 1 owner £5,695 |
| 14 RENAULT Clio Dynamique MEDIA NAV ENERGY DCi 1.5 In Silver with Bluetooth, sat nav, alloys etc, free road tax, only 39,000 miles, 1 owner £8,695 | 60 TOYOTA Auris 1.3 TR 5-Dr In met red, 40,000 miles, family hatch £5,695 |
| 13 KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDi Auto In silver, 34,000 mile diesel hatch REDUCED TO £8,695 | 11 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Auto Exclusive 5-Dr In silver, 51,000 miles £5,495 |
| 14 VOLKSWAGON Polo 1.2 Match 5-Dr In black, 25,000 miles, a/c alloys etc £7,995 | 11 TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 VVTi T-Spirit 5-Dr In met-grey, 63,000 miles, high spec £5,495 |
| 12 HYUNDAI i30 Active 1.6 Diesel CRD 5-Dr In silver, 38,000 miles, stop/start etc £7,995 | 10 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Edge Automatic 5-Dr In mulbury metallic, 41,000 miles £5,495 |
| 12 SKODA Octavia Greenlane 1.6 TDI Estate In metallic sand, 52,000 miles, 1 owner £7,995 | 09 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Titanium 3-Dr Automatic In hot magenta, 53,000 miles £5,495 |
| 61 HONDA Crz Sport Hybrid In met grey, 38,000 miles, sought after coupe at £7,995 | 13 CITROEN C1 Connexion 3-Dr 1.0 In met gun metal, only 10,000 miles, ultra modern car, free road tax REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,995 |
| 11 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTi SRI Estate Automatic In met grey, 58,000 miles, with sat-nav, alloys etc £7,995 | 11 MAZDA 2 Sport 1.5 3-Dr In spirited green, 74,000 miles, very nice throughout £4,995 |
| 10 SKODA Yeti 1.2 TSi SE In aqua blue, 46,000 miles, practical hatch £7,995 | 10 VOLKSWAGON Polo 1.2 S (60) 5-Dr In silver, 45,000 miles, 2 owners £4,995 |
| 10 AUDI A3 2.0 TDi Sport 5-Dr In black, 82,000 miles, £30 road tax, Fantastic value £7,995 | 60 SUZUKI Swift 1.2 SZ4 5-Dr In met-blue, 63,000 miles, high spec, low road tax £4,995 |
| 09 MAZDA MX5 1.8i Roadster Coupe In true red, 48,000 miles, solid roof convertible £7,995 | 60 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi Sport 5-Dr In electric blue, 52,000 miles, Diesel hatch £4,995 |
| 58 MERCEDES CLC 200 CDI Diesel Coupe Automatic In Silver, heated leather seats etc with only 53,000 miles £7,995 | 56 SUZUKI Grand Vitara 1.6 3-Dr In black, 69,000 miles, 2 owners 4x4 at £4,995 |
| 63 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 SE 5-Dr In white, 29,000 miles, a/c alloys etc £7,695 | 03 BMW Z4 3.0i 6-Speed In met grey with black leather, 90,000 miles with sat nav £4,695 |
| 62 SUZUKI Swift Sport 1.6 In met-red, 24,000 miles, 1 owner, very sporty £7,495 | 63 SUZUKI Alto 1.0 SZ3 5-Dr In red, 19,000 miles, one owner, free road tax £4,495 |
| 60 MERCEDES 160 Blue-Efficiency Sport In black, 57,000 miles, amg alloys, bluetooth etc £7,495 | 09 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Style+ 5-Dr In silver, 52,000 miles, low insurance £4,495 |
| 62 SEAT Ibiza 1.2 TSi SE 5-Dr Automatic In silver, only 13,000 miles £6,995 | 59 TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 TR 5-Dr In red, 56,000 miles, 2 owners £4,295 |
| 12 FORD Focus 1.6 Titanium 5-Dr In silver, 70,000 miles, nice example £6,995 | 08 FORD Focus 2.0 Titanium 5-Dr Automatic In met grey, 51,000 miles, local car £4,295 |
| 11 CITROEN C4 VTR 1.6 HDi Automatic In silver, 33,000 miles with panoramic roof £6,995 | 58 FORD Mondeo 2.0 Zetec 5-Dr In met silver, 65,000 miles, family hatch at £4,295 |
| 10 VOLVO C30 R-Design 2.0 Diesel In met grey, 68,000 mile coupe £6,795 | 09 SEAT Ibiza 1.2S 3-Dr In nayara blue, 55,000 miles, low insurance £3,995 |
| 62 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5-Dr In white, 32,000 miles, with a/c alloys etc £6,495 | 58 MERCEDES A150 Classic SE In met grey, 65,000 miles, 2 owners £3,995 |
| 12 MERCEDES A160 Blue-Efficiency Avant Garde SE In met blue, 54,000 miles, fantastic value £6,495 | 58 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec (New Shape) 3-Dr In black, very nice example at £3,995 |
| 59 MINI Cooper 1.6 Convertible In pure silver, 68,000 miles REDUCED BY £500 TO £6,495 | 62 SUZUKI Alto 1.0 SZ3 5-Dr In silver, 60,000 miles, free road tax £3,495 |
| 58 MAZDA CX7 2.3 In met grey with black leather, 44,000 miles, superb example 4x4 at £6,495 | 61 CITROEN C1 1.0 VT 3-Dr In white, 47,000 miles, low insurance and road tax £3,495 |
| 63 SKODA Fabia 1.6 TDI (105) SE 5-Dr In met grey, 50,000 miles, low road tax £6,295 | 11 SUZUKI Alto SZ3 1.0 5-Dr In red, 47,000 miles, plus £20 road tax REDUCED TO £3,295 |
| 62 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 3-Dr In silver, 20,000 miles, with a/c alloys etc £6,295 | 09 FORD KA 1.2 Style New Shape In magenta metallic, £30 road tax, low insurance £2,995 |
| 64 RENAULT Zoe Dynamique Intens 5-Dr Automatic In white, 10,000 miles, 1 owner, electric hatch REDUCED BY £1000 TO £5,995 | 59 CITROEN C3 1.4 VTR 5-Dr In black, 54,000 miles, low insurance £2,995 |
| | 08 SKODA Fabia 2 HTP 70 1.2 5-Dr In red, 65,000 miles, 1 owner £2,995 |

ALL CARS SUPPLIED WITH NEW MOT AND 3 MONTHS RAC WARRANTY

JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE RANGE IN STOCK. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS.

**FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPI CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN**

BROAD STREET, BARRY CF62 7AE (NEXT TO TRAIN STATION) 01446 722600



www.GARYWATSONMOTORCOMPANY.co.uk

MULTI PHOTOS FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE



Athletic deny spirited Nantymoel in the Plate



Chris Walker scores for Bridgend Athletic. All pictures by GLENNSPORTS.

BRIDGEND Athletic of Division 1 West Central had to overcome a spirited aggressive Nantymoel side from Division 2 Central egged on by a large vociferous crowd to progress to round two of the Swalec Plate Cup competition with a 32-7 victory.

The Athletic gave a debut to young scrum half Hywel Williams, whose father Danny Williams also played in that role for the Athletic.

The youngster gave a competent display of passing and as his confidence grew made a series of snipes and useful box kicks for a pleasing debut performance.

The Athletic with good ball carrying by locks man of the match Griff Davies and Jonathon Stoker took the game to Nantymoel from the off.

Good running by centres Garin Lougher and Chris Price saw the ball slipped to supporting flanker and captain Ben Howe who crashed his way over close to the posts after five minutes play. Full back Dan Howells converted.

The Athletic were trying to run from deep and were frustrated by a good home offence.

When they did keep the ball tight with a number of drives at the Nantymoel try line they were rewarded with a penalty which Howells converted.

Nantfyllon came more into the game and were unlucky in the 37th minute when a potential long try-scoring pass on the Athletic try line was read by Athletic wing Chris Walker, who intercepted, and there was no way of catching the speedster as he ran the length of the field to dive over under the posts.

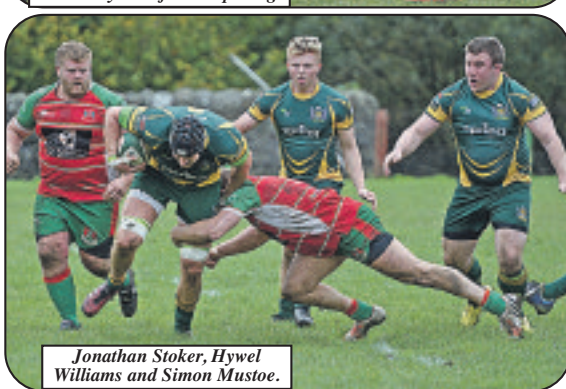
Howells converted to extend the Athletic's lead to 17-0.

Undaunted the home side went straight back into the Athletic 22 and crossed for a deserved try from scrum half Connor Walker converted by outside half Ryan Davies with the final move of the half.

Athletic coaches John Apsee, Gavin Thomas and Stuart Morris read the riot act at half-time for the Athletic playing too loose and trying to run the ball from too deep without tying in the opposition defence. This led to a more clinical second half approach. Playing down the



Chris Price and Michael Hathaway look for an opening.



Jonathan Stoker, Hywel Williams and Simon Mustoe.

slope the Athletic entered more of a kicking game for field position before releasing their backs.

To this effect full back Dan Howells provided a master class of 50 metre touch finders to keep Nantymoel on the defensive.

After 50 minutes Athletic outside half Michael Hathaway went on a mazy sidestepping run from 40 metres out and handed a try on a plate to the excellent supporting No 8 Stuart Edbrook. Howells converted and kicked a second touchline penalty to extend the Athletics' lead to 27-7.

With 10 minutes remaining Athletic captain Ben Howe who

had led by example throughout took a quick tap penalty 40 metres out.

The ball was quickly worked along the line where replacement Liam Phillips released wing Chris Walker 30 metres out with plenty of work to do.

Using his speed and side stepping skill he went over in the corner for his fifth first team try of the season and eighth senior try to head the Athletic's try scorers for the season and increase the lead to 32-7.

The home side's frustration boiled over and two fracs inside two minutes saw the game finish with two yellow cards to the Athletic and one to Nantymoel.

The home side never gave up and were desperately trying to salvage another score and dominated the closing session.

However despite being awarded a series of five metre scrums were thwarted as the excellent front row of props Matt Muir and Zach Evans and hooker Simon Mustoe back on for Lee Murphy continually drove the home pack backwards to invoke penalties for the Athletic.

The Athletic's determination to keep their line intact was highlighted by the aggressive back row tackling of flankers Howe and Scott Griffith, replacement Rory Thomas and No 8 Stuart Edbrook and wing Harry Griffiths, as the Athletic ran out 32-7 victors.

It is back to Division 1 West Central league action with an away trip to Ystallafra this Saturday, October 15, followed by another away visit to Seven Sisters on October 22.

AB

Porthcawl edge Sports in titanic Cup encounter

THE match programme of Bridgend Sports generously welcomed 'a try scoring machine called Porthcawl RFC' to the Bandstand Field for this second round match in the Bowl competition.

Yet, ironically it was the home side that secured the only try of an absorbing match, with the Seaweeds just hanging on for the spoils in a game of two contrasting halves.

On an afternoon providing perfect conditions for running rugby, the Seaweeds drew first blood as centre Sean Wilcox made a fine midfield break through the home defence and when he was halted, at the ensuing ruck, Sports fell offside. Fly-half Josh White kicked the penalty for a 0-3 lead.

Sports themselves missed a glorious opportunity to level almost immediately with a penalty shot that fell short.

With Porthcawl playing a high tempo game and their pack setting the platform for several forays into home territory, aided by a swift service from scrum half Ross Parsons,

Sports again yielded a penalty and White duly slotted the goal from 35 metres to make it 0-6.

Sports stepped up to the plate and tried to play good rugby themselves with wing Jack Evans roaming and doing his best to get things moving.

However, Seaweeds kept up the pressure and when loose-head Tim Lunn stormed through on a charging run, again the home side fell foul of the referee, for White to kick a similar goal to the previous one - this time from 38 metres for 0-9.

Again, Sports had a chance to get a penalty

of their own after Josh Davies, who had a very good match for the home side, had made the initial inroads into the Seaweeds' defence. However, the kick sailed to the right of the posts.

White's phenomenal goal-kicking has been a feature of Porthcawl's points scoring this season and when he landed his fourth penalty, a monster kick from 48 metres, it seemed that Sports were destined to hand over easy points, with the score at 0-12 just short of half-time.

No.8 Tom Butcher, a huge presence for Porthcawl, damaged a knee and had to leave the proceedings before the half ended, replaced by Dai James, yet this didn't seem to compromise the visitors and it wasn't long before White again punished Sports with his fifth penalty and 0-15.

Sports managed to pull back a penalty at last, just before the break and one wondered whether this might inspire them for the second half, as they are a side that never stops playing and the came back to win at South Road earlier in the season.

White wasn't haven't any of it though, as he kicked his sixth penalty for 3-18 shortly after half time and the match seemed never to be destined to go Sports way at all.

Yet it all started change as Sports got their act together and started to force the Seaweeds into errors.

Realising that they too could boss proceedings, Sports started to get well into the match and only a massive clearing kick from Parsons denied the home side a possible scoring opportunity.

Not to be denied, Sports got their just reward as Porthcawl's usually reliable defence lapsed momentarily and the converted try took the score to 8-18 and the

possibility of a comeback similar to that with which they won the earlier league match at Porthcawl.

Porthcawl brought on reinforcements in James Burge-Davies for Dai James and Gavin Williams for Anthony Griffiths, with the momentum certainly now with the home side, and when a second Sports penalty reduced the score to 11-18 and just one score behind, it was Porthcawl supporters starting to feel the heat.

Wilcox left the centre for Porthcawl, replaced by Jake Thomas and Mike Gulley joined the fray in the front row to steady the scrum somewhat.

Josh White had a rare second half opportunity to snatch some further points and push the Seaweeds further ahead with time running out but his kick from the Sports' 10 metre line fell short.

With both sides giving it everything to the finish, the Seaweeds ran out relieved winners, 18-11, to end a match which was played in a great spirit, hard but fair and was a credit to both sides.

Anthony Griffiths and Matt Davies both had big games for Porthcawl upfront, with Bluck and Gareth Rees constantly probing for openings behind.

Porthcawl will need work hard at training during this week as they travel away yet again on Saturday, returning to league action at Baglan.

PORTHCAWL SECONDS 19, BRIDGEND SPORTS SECONDS 24

Porthcawl's second string put up another good performance and led for much of the match before Sports finally got in front to take the spoils.

For the home side, tries were scored by Steve Phillips, Lloyd Turner and Matthew Cooke. Phillips and Jack Power added a conversion each.

First team manager Ian MacDonald took charge of the side for this match and was particularly pleased with the effort they put in throughout, which holds them in good stead going forward.

PF

Cefn Cribwr grab their first home league win of season

CEFN CRIBWR welcomed Cardiff Airport to Cae Gof, searching for their first home league win of the season.

Cefn didn't start at their usual pace and were finding it difficult to form any rhythm.

The visitors took the lead midway through the first half with a well-worked goal from midfield which the visitors' striker tucked away neatly into the bottom corner.

Cefn started the second half much better keeping the ball and making the visitors work hard to get it back, Tom Harris had a great chance to equalise when we were awarded a penalty but he was unable to convert.

The equaliser wasn't long coming, though...We were awarded a free kick some 25 yards out and Curtis Grant hit a sublime shot over the wall into the far corner, to pull us level.

We introduced young fresh legs in the form of 17-year-old Dan Harris-James and he made an instant impact on the game.

With seven minutes to go he chased down a lost cause down the right and took the ball off their defender.

He continued into the box and hit a lovely pass to Duffy who squared it to Tom who made amends for his penalty miss by placing it in the corner for what proved to be a deserved winner.

The second half pressure Cefn exerted on Cardiff was more than enough to justify Cefn's first home three points of the season.

Cefn development grabbed a deserved point Llanharan with a 3-3 draw.

Cefn would like to thank all the supporters for again turning out in numbers!

GB

Bridgend Bridge Club news

PRESIDENT'S Cup and charity evening will be held on Friday, October 14 with cheese and wine being provided.

The evening will be a 'pro/am' format, with more experienced players partnered with improver/intermediate level players, pairings to be determined on the night.

Anyone wishing to play with their regular partner is welcome to attend, but will not be entered in the cup competition.

The evening will be an agreeable social event, including a raffle, with the added exciting element of competitive bridge. All are welcome to what will be a very enjoyable evening. The named charity this year is the Samaritans.

BRITISH AUTUMN SIMS

Congratulations to Tony Ratcliffe and Julian Pottage who won the club heat of the British Autumn Sims, coming third out of 984 pairs nationally.

Tony and Julian frequently feature at or towards the top of the national rankings in Sims competitions, so very well done to them.

RECENT RESULTS

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge

Club were: Wednesday, October 5: First, Tony Ratcliffe and Julian Pottage; second, Marjorie Morris and Ann Fox; third, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Morris and Ann Fox.

Thursday, October 6: First, Steve Burgoyne and Stuart Davies; second, Dennis Smith and Wendy Bailey; third, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Stuart Davies.

Friday, October 7: First, Norma Newman and David Newman; second, Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Norma Newman and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

TG



FRUSTRATION AS POINTS ARE DROPPED IN QUALIFIERS...



Two draws see Wales stumble on the road to World Cup 2018

by GARETH JAMIESON

HAVING started their road to Russia with an emphatic 4-0 win over Moldova last month, Wales' next two games represented different tests.

An away trip to Group D's second seeds Austria represented the toughest test, arguably of the campaign as a whole, last Thursday, before a home date with Georgia at the Cardiff City Stadium on Sunday.

It says much about the way Wales have developed under Chris Coleman that you can view a middling performance in Vienna, which saw Wales twice take the lead, and a well-earned point as slightly disappointing.

However, Coleman was quick to admit after the game that: "If you can get something when you are not at your best it is a good sign. We made trouble for ourselves, that's not like

us. We can play a lot better but we can't fight any harder than that."

It started so well for Wales, when, after an opening that saw both goalkeepers at their best to prevent the deadlock being broken, Joe Allen's sweetly-struck half-volley beat the Austrian goalkeeper Almer to send the near 4,000 away supporters into raptures.

But Austria are a tricky side to beat; while their showing in the Euros was pretty poor, the fact that they went into this game having won their past 10 qualifiers and were also unbeaten in competitive matches at home since 2012 showed how difficult a side they would be to defeat.

If Wales rode the storm of the expected home pressure well after taking the lead, they were undone when a dink over the defence saw Arnautovic nod past Wayne Hennessey, the Austrians deservedly levelling matters.

Austria's manager Marcel Koller had claimed that Wales' Euros success was down to 'luck', so it was ironic that luck played a part in Wales retaking the lead.

James Chester's header from Bale's long throw (a new weapon in the Welsh arsenal) was saved by Almer, only for the ball to ricochet off Kevin Wimmer and creep into the net.

At 2-1 Wales had arguably ridden their luck a little, but the key was to see out the first half and then start the second on the front foot.

However, Arnautovic wasn't paying attention to that, and when Chester failed to control Allen's weak pass, the Stoke City winger took full advantage and pegged Wales back for a second time.

It was a case of backs to the wall after that, both teams having half-chances to go in front but these were not taken, and it was Wales who were arguably the happier of the two teams come the final whistle, a result that saw all the teams in the group (bar Georgia and Moldova) locked on four points apiece.

On to Sunday, and with another sell-out crowd at the Cardiff City Stadium, expectations were that, having put in the hard work in Vienna, Coleman's team would



The Canton Stand was magnificent in its support on Sunday, but the boos at full-time from small minority in the Cardiff City Stadium were unwelcome.
ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

put the other 'minnows' of the group, Georgia, to the sword in much the same way they had Moldova last month.

It seemed all was going to plan when Bale headed home from Joe Ledley's pinpoint corner in the 10th minute, the early goal that had proved so hard to come by the previous month coming with relative ease.

However, Wales' need to put their opponents to the sword and grab what would likely have been a decisive second goal proved fruitless.

Wales' passing game was sloppy, with many passes going straight out of play, and the route one approach of playing the ball high to Sam Vokes yielded little that was positive.

It was a strangely flat and lifeless performance, the first half petering out with the Welsh doing little to double their lead and the visitors offering stubborn resistance.

The second half didn't prove to be much better, the much-needed intensity from Coleman's team lacking and Georgia, sensing the home side's torpor, decided to take the game to their hosts, flooding the midfield and putting pressure on a Welsh back-line that, yet again, looked far from the formidable unit of recent games.

When Georgian pressure led to a cross into the box, it was Tornike Okriashvili who benefited, the Welsh defence static as he headed home to level the scores and stun the crowd.

To say it was a shock would be unfair, as the Georgians had looked the team most likely to score, and the goal drew a boisterous reply from the 32,000 fans as they tried to boost the home



The ecstasy and the agony... Gareth Bale heads Wales in front (left) and feels the frustration at the final whistle.



players.

For all the chanting, shouting and screaming, it went from bad to worse as Wales were outplayed by the visitors, and while the men in red threw everything at the Georgian defence, it was the latter who had the clear-cut opportunities to win the game, Levan Mchedlidze shooting wide when one-on-one with Wayne Hennessey and Valeri Kazaishvili hitting the bar.

As the final whistle blew, any sense of surprise that Wales had failed to take the three points was tempered by a performance that came nowhere near deserving a victory and, arguably, one where the point earned could be seen as fortunate.

While neither performance in these latest qualifiers was a great one from Chris Coleman's team, and while both games earned a point, the difference between these two results is clear.

To have gained a draw in the tricky environment of Vienna was a great point; to have been held, and outplayed, by a Georgia side who, although better than their world ranking of 137th suggests, should have been beaten, is a case of two points dropped.

As Serbia and the

Republic of Ireland moved into the top two places on Sunday evening, two points clear of third-placed Wales, the enormity of the task next month at home to Serbia now sinks in.

Three points are a must in a match that should hopefully see the return of both Aaron Ramsey and Joe Allen (who missed the Georgia game with a hamstring injury).

But as much as those players returning would provide a major fillip, both Coleman and the team need to look at what hasn't worked so far in these qualifiers and rectify it as soon as possible.

The defence has looked creaky, our normally fluid passing game sloppy, and while Sam Vokes is a greater goal threat, Hal Robson Kanu's ability to hold up the ball and bring players into the game needs to be used.

Coleman himself wasn't shy about tackling the subject head on in his post-match press conference: "We've had a little slap around the back of the head to say, 'Hold on, it's not all plain sailing'. We looked fatigued, we looked disjointed... (but) I'd have been amazed if we'd gone through the campaign without a blip."

It would also help that

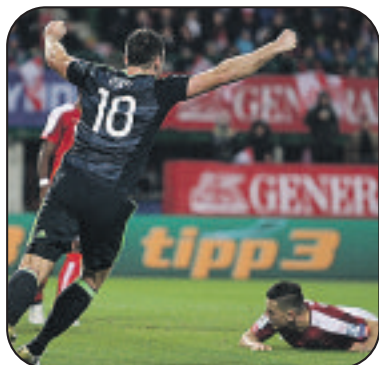
the team aren't subjected to catcalls and jeers as they were by a small minority on Sunday evening.

Yes, the result wasn't what was hoped for and the performance certainly wasn't a particularly good one, but the booing was out of place and inexcusable.

Perhaps it's the groundswell of post-Euro 2016 support that has seen those who were swept along by Wales' success snap up the tickets that are likely to see all the home qualifiers sell-out; these fans are used to Wales winning so anything less than that is met with apathy or misplaced hatred.

However, for those fans who have sat through the dark days of losing 5-1 at home to Slovakia, who travelled to Novi Sad to see us thumped 6-1 by Serbia, this result wasn't the end of the world – it was, as Coleman said, a 'blip' and one that will hopefully be forgotten about next month.

We're only three games into the qualifying group and there's plenty more twists and turns before all is said and done – but three points next month would be the perfect medicine to cure the lethargy of Sunday.



Action from Vienna as (above) Sam Vokes celebrates Kurt Wimmer's own goal after Marko Arnautovic (below) had levelled the scores for Austria.



SHOWROOM NOW OPEN
AT UNIT 10, PALMERSTON WORKSHOPS,
BARRY CF63 2YZ (NEAR VFM MEAT SUPPLIES)

ARTIFICIAL GRASS from £9.99sq m
10 year colour guarantee • Ideal to go onto any surface
No pollen • No cutting • No maintenance • Pet friendly
We also provide an installation service.

**Sometimes the grass is greener on the otherside
Because its FAKE!**

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday 9am-1pm.
01446 327577/07973 709103 FREE ESTIMATES